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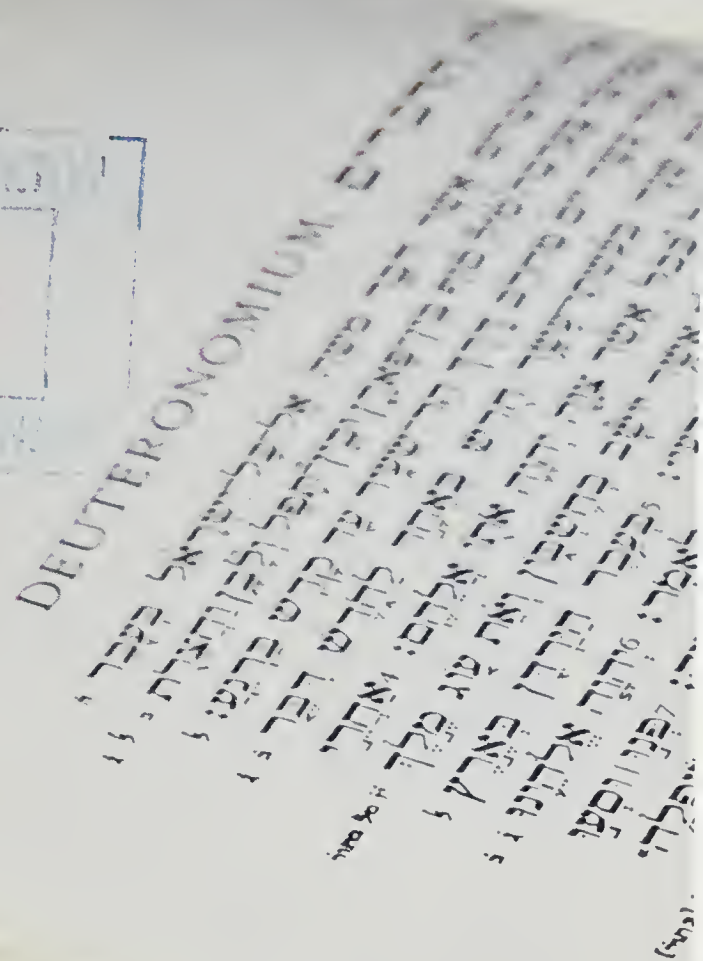
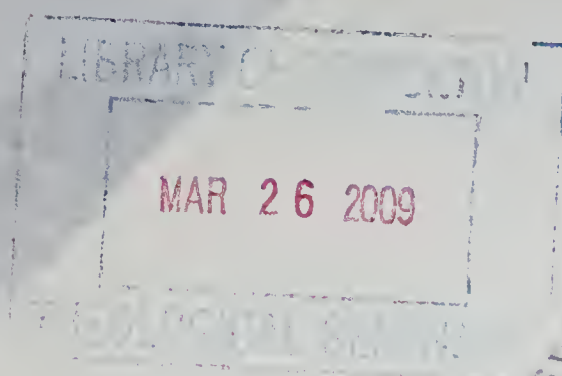




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# LETTERS

## From the President's desk

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Yes, we can....

We have just seen a change of administration in the United States, and may anticipate what is promised to be a massively different style and outlook. That does not mean that change will be easy. I am certain it will not be. Yet I am confident that this great nation has the potential to redeem its reputation in the world and to surprise us all.

We at Princeton Seminary are also struggling with change, and are even now

articulating our progress in a self-study document for our re-accreditation by ATS and Middle States Commission on Higher Education, under

the guidance of Dean Nancy Lammers Gross. We have embarked upon a new academic calendar. Change isn't easy, but this is a wonderful institution, which has the capacity to take any of us by surprise.

Here are a couple of examples. Grant Brooke is an M.Div. middler who has just been named as executive director of the Matthew 25 Network, a 30,000-member PAC and 501(c)(3) named after the passage in which Jesus says, "Just as you did it to

one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." The organization addresses the issues for which people of faith are often the only advocates: prison reform and the death penalty, torture, immigration reform. Grant has said, "From a practical level, people on the margins of society often have no other voice, and they're dependent on people of faith to stand up on their behalf." I am so proud of what he is doing. His initiative takes us by surprise. Yes, we can....

Gordon Mikoski is our assistant professor in Christian education. To celebrate the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth, Gordon has initiated "A Year with the *Institutes*," a yearlong discipline whereby you are invited to read the *Institutes*. You can actually hear the daily passages being read aloud, and there are weekly reflections on the PTS web site. Here is the surprise. By the end of January 2009, there had been a total of 49,303 hits on the web site from 91 countries. There were 18,504 audio downloads in January. On January 5, Calvin was the 35th most downloaded religious audio podcast in iTunes. Imagine that! Calvin. What an achievement! What initiative! Who says the Reformed tradition is not alive and well? Yes, we can.... But it takes someone like Gordon Mikoski to show us, backed by a wonderful group of others, Joicy Becker-Richards, Raymond Bonwell, Barbara Chaapel, Michael Brothers, Michael Gyura, Katie Douglass, Jason Santos, Joyce McKichan Walker, and others.

Recently I was in Damascus with

Morag. On our last evening, we were invited to dinner at the home of Shaykh Hussam-Eddin Farfour. Morag and I were staying in the labyrinthine old city. The Shaykh's son came to our hotel. He said it wasn't far and was a clear evening and suggested we walk. I was interested, as, knowing it was to be a dignified evening, I was inconspicuously dressed in the scarlet cassock of a chaplain to Queen Elizabeth. So the Shaykh's son and I walked through the old city, a Christian and a Muslim together. We paused twice so that we could enter two historic mosques and admire their beauty. Yes, I thought, we can.... The Christian and the Muslim may walk together, very conspicuously and in warm friendship, delighting in each other's company. When we arrived, the Shaykh put his arms around me and said: "This is your family and this is your home." I felt like the prodigal son. It was early morning when we eventually left, cold and moonlit. As we walked to the car, the Shaykh took off the scarf he was wearing and put it around my shoulders. I reflected to myself that I had been so very privileged as to meet a figure like Abraham. Peace between the nations and a deep love for our neighbor? Yes, we can....

Truly, I believe this is what Princeton is all about. In the service of God we are constantly taken by surprise.

Yours sincerely,

*Iain Torrance*  
Iain R. Torrance

Photo: Jon Roemer



## Mission Inspiration

I have always appreciated receiving *inSpire*, but the spring/summer 2008 issue very definitely lived up to its name. I found many of the articles especially interesting, and the mission articles were right on target. As a former fraternal worker (twenty-six years in Venezuela, and raised in Chile and Colombia) I believe that these articles point to PCUSA mission as it has been, and how it can continue to be—a partnership, a two-way

street, where all the participants are blessed. I especially appreciated Barbara Chaapel's article ["Community across the Border: Churches Bridge Culture with Friendship in Mexico," page 38] on her experience at Puentes de Cristo, part of our Presbyterian Border Ministries. I have the joy and honor of being on the board for Compañeros en Misión. I would hope that our good friends at the national level will read these articles as they discuss the nature of "mission in the

twenty-first century." Thanks again.  
*Bob Seel (M.Div., 1948)*  
*Tucson, Arizona*



I was very, very pleased by the last issue of *inSpire*, where I read the experiences of PTS students in different parts of the world. There seems to have been a renewed interest and vision for such trips. Congratulations. I remember back in Mexico hearing ministers talking about *el pastor* "Juanito," as they



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knew President John Mackay. They talked about the powerful missionary force that Princeton "used to be." My hope is that with such initiatives, many more graduates will catch the vision and be called to go to the ends of the world. Thus, I can think that "used to be" still can be "is."

*Juan-Daniel Espitia (M.Div., 1966)*  
Oceanside, California

### Coming to America

The painting introducing your article "Coming to America" [spring/summer 2008, page 33] certainly did not inspire me. My ancestor Samuel Greaves arrived in New York harbor in February 1820 on the ship *Richmond* and later became a Methodist clergyman in New York State. The ship in the painting seems to be of a completely different era (1500–1600). After the wars between the English and the French in the later eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, English ships were released from military service and began carrying passengers across the Atlantic. The *Richmond* left Liverpool in 1819–1820, stopping at Cork in Ireland, with around forty passengers including children.

These ships were frigates or early steam-paddlers, not the "Niña, Pinta, Santa Maria" type illustrating the article.

The "Foreign Mission School" also pictured—is it the one in Cornwall, Connecticut, mentioned in the article?

The author presented the story of Bernard Jadownick very interestingly.

Another item in the same issue did inspire me—that Thomas Torrance's collection was given to Speer Library. He was a great man, one of the few theologians who consistently promoted Protestant-Orthodox church ecumenical dialogue. It will be a privilege to see the collection once it has been arranged.

*Charles Graves (M.Div., 1956)*  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Editors' note:** *Mr. Graves is correct.*

*The illustration was not meant to demonstrate the type of ship used, but to suggest sea travel. The school pictured is the Cornwall school.*



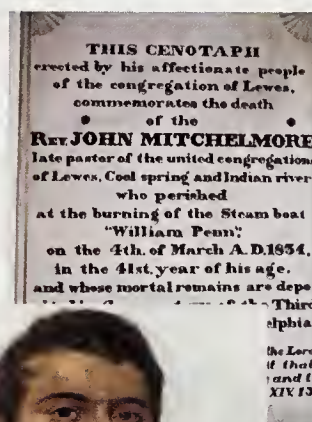
The article in the spring/summer 2008 issue of *inSpire* regarding PTS's earliest international students was apparently widely read and appreciated. Among the letters and comments received was a copy of a portrait of John Mitchelmore (M.Div., 1824) from the Lewes Presbyterian Church in Delaware. A letter in the Seminary archives gives first-hand testimony to Mitchelmore's powerful preaching, which drew people from miles around to join his congregation. He oversaw the construction of a "large new house of worship" in Lewes that, it was predicted, would be

"entirely too large and would never be filled." Contrary to expectation, this church building "was always filled and generally crowded during his time."

This same building, constructed in 1832, is still the place of worship for the Lewes Presbyterian Church today. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the congregation is currently involved in a Sanctuary Restoration Project. They were glad to have further information about their former pastor to use in the campaign. A cenotaph in the vestibule of the church commemorates Mitchelmore, the story of whose heroic and untimely death was told in the article.

Another request for the article and related materials came from Germany, where a scholar is researching the life of Bernard Jadownick, the former Solingen rabbi who attended Princeton Seminary from 1823 to 1825.

*Kenneth W. Henke*  
Reference Archivist  
Princeton Theological Seminary



Portrait of John Mitchelmore

### Women in Ministry

My wife, Eileen Gergsten Remington (M.Div., 1945), and I attended the First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, New York, where we felt the call to ministry. Upon recommendation of the pastor, Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, we went to Princeton Seminary.

President John Mackay was helpful to Eileen in becoming a full-time student with me. She graduated in the Class of 1945 with a Master of Divinity degree, the second woman to graduate from the Seminary with this degree. After seminary, loaned by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, we went to Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, and Costa Rica. Eileen designed church buildings and missionary housing, and I worked in broadcasting. We both worked with national pastors in Spanish- and English-speaking churches. God led us all the way!

*Robert A. Bennington (M.Div., 1945)*  
Pasadena, California

**Editors' note:** *Eileen Gergsten Remington was mistakenly omitted from the timeline in "Outstanding in the Field," spring/summer 2008 issue, pages 40–41.*

### Oh, Canada!

I enjoyed the spring/summer 2008 issue of *inSpire* a great deal, particularly the articles on mission. However, in Class Notes, it says I retired from my church in Fort Erie, New York. While Fort Erie is joined to New York by the Peace Bridge across the Niagara River, it most definitely is in Ontario, Canada. With all good humor, having been the International Students Society president for 1969–1970 while doing my Th.M., it might be wise to alter the web site to affirm my international student status, as all my thirty-six years of active pastoral ministry were served in Canada. Thanks!

*J. Cameron Bigelow (B.D., 1969; Th.M., 1970)*  
Ontario, Canada

**Editors' note:** *Correction made on the web site.*



# inSpire INTERACTIVE

## 2009—the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin

2009 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, founding father of the Reformed tradition. For this *inSpire* interactive, we invited readers to share one example of how Calvin's work has influenced their ministry or shaped their spirituality, or how they have used his writing as a resource in their congregations. We received responses from thirty-four alumni/ae, more than we could print here. We thank all contributors for their responses; those that we could not print will appear in the online version of the magazine.



I introduced a recent adult Sunday school quarter on the doctrine of God and man (sic), using J.I. Packer's *Knowing God*, with a discussion of the benefits of knowing God from Calvin's *Institutes* 1.1.1-3. "Without the knowledge of ourselves there is no knowledge of God" and "Without the knowledge of God there is no knowledge of ourselves." Calvin concludes that "the order of right teaching" requires that we treat the knowledge of God first and then the knowledge of ourselves later. My application point was, "Do you aim to understand yourself better as you know God more?"

William J. Larkin Jr. (M.Div., 1970)  
Columbia, South Carolina



I've always had a problem with the Trinity. I kept bumping into it as an issue—Oneness, Threeness—until one day I came upon a little article written by John Calvin that shared the simple truth that "Trinity" was just a word we created in order to speak intelligently about our experience. We experience the Threeness but we recognize the Oneness. This opened me up to consider more of Calvin, which led to a study of the *Institutes*, which led to the discovery of this great understanding that Jesus didn't prescribe any set form of worship and so we should expect that, in different cultures and times, old or traditional practices would be abrogated for new ones for the "advantage of the church." We should not rush into change hastily, but "allow Love to be our guide," and then we would not go far wrong.

Geoff Kohler (M.Div., 1987)  
Tampa, Florida



Calvin's eucharistic theology has helped me in my pastoral, ecumenical, and academic work. In particular, his emphasis on union with Christ through the action of the Holy

Spirit, enacted liturgically in the *Sursum Corda*, propels all facets of ministry to work for the visible unity of all of God's people locally, nationally, and globally, and serves as a constant reminder that Christ has already made us one with each other and with the triune God. Our task, therefore, is to live that organic unity in all areas of life, in gratitude for what God has done in and through Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Neal D. Presa (Th.M., 2004)  
Middlesex, New Jersey



1960 was the fourth centennial of the Scottish Reformation, and one of the results was the decision of Oliver and Boyd to produce a modern translation of Calvin's commentaries. This decade also coincided with the attempts of the Nationalist Government of South Africa to enlist Calvin as progenitor of the *volkskerke* concept that justified apartheid as a policy of self-development, as opposed to the evangelical and ecumenical tradition of theologians like Andrew Murray. To read Calvin was a huge support for those of us involved in the struggle that began with the Message to South Africa (1968) and culminated in the World Alliance of Reformed Churches' rejection of the Dutch Reformed Church's membership in 1984, nor has his relevance diminished with the advent of a secular state.

Calvin Wight Cook (Th.D., 1953)  
Howick, Republic of South Africa



John Calvin always made the sacrament of Holy Communion available to communicants at public worship in Geneva even if it meant offering it to them following the main service. During the three decades I have served as chaplain of Tusculum College, I have offered Holy Communion at every weekly chapel service. You never know when, at the least expected moment, someone will be offered the sacrament and be refreshed and renewed

in mind, body, and soul. I took a course with Dr. Donald Macleod titled Word and Sacrament, and have always offered both, I believe, to the spiritual benefit of my students.  
Stephen R. Weisz (M.Div., 1965)  
Greeneville, Tennessee



Professor Edward A. Dowey Jr. took me under his wing in 1963, when I was a graduate student, to study Calvin's doctrine of the authority of the church. The *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book Four, became my area of study. Calvin wrote that we believe the church because we have become fully convinced that we are members of it. He also took Cyprian's dictum that only those who have the church as mother can have God as father and turned that idea around, teaching that those for whom God is father, the church is mother. And God has given clergy the duty and authority to teach the Word within the church. The members are nourished in God's purposes their entire life, until they finally enter heaven's reward. This is a helpful bit of Calvinism. I was glad to have the chance to read him and also to learn that he continues to be seriously studied after all these years.  
Charles J. Duey (Th.M., 1964)  
Cromwell, Connecticut



Calvin's opening statement in the *Institutes* avers that all knowledge of God begins with knowledge of ourselves. Some years ago I noticed that he never changed that; though he tweaked and altered many parts of the *Institutes* over the decades, every subsequent edition preserves this fundamental platform on which the rest of the corpus is built. Coming from one known far more for his exalting of Word and of Spirit, Calvin's avowal that knowledge of the divine begins with individual, personal experience is quite surprising. But it has vast implications for the pastor dealing with hurting or confused parishioners, growing converts, new inquirers.... Writing



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500 years ago he says to our age, influenced the last half of the twentieth century by existentialism and the first part of the twenty-first by post-modernism, "To know God, start with what you already know, yourself, and go from there."

Gene R. Smillie (M.Div., 1982)  
Elmhurst, Illinois



John Calvin wrote that when he was around twenty-one years old, God "turned my course in another direction." By an unexpected or sudden conversion God subdued and "tamed to teachableness a mind too stubborn for its years." Calvin's wholehearted commitment to God was symbolized by the seal he adopted for himself, a flaming heart on the palm of an extended open hand and the words, "My heart, I give you, O Lord, eagerly and sincerely." I was about the same age when Jesus Christ confronted me and I dedicated my life to him. In my ministry, I had a stained glass made of Calvin's seal and had my business cards printed with his seal and motto on them. This seal and motto have been a source of inspiration all during my ministry.

John M. Robertson (M.Div., 1959)  
Sun City, Arizona



As a United Methodist student, I wasn't happy about studying Calvin! But then I read the first two statements of the *Institutes*: in order to know God, you have to know yourself and in order to know yourself, you have to know God. In the fourteen years since graduation, I have shared that with many parishioners as a starting place for spiritual, emotional, and psychological growth. And I come back to it myself time after time as a way to deepen both my relationship with God and my understanding of myself. Thanks to John Calvin from a follower of John Wesley!

Elizabeth A. Perry (M.Div., 1994)  
Astoria, New York



I remember so clearly being taught that Calvin's answers would often times be at odds with my beliefs, but that he always asked the right questions! As a United Methodist pastor, I have frequently consulted the *Institutes* in order to ask myself the proper questions in preparations for Bible studies and sermons. The results have been rich and rewarding.

William H. Yeager (M.Div., 1977)  
Gainesville, Florida



John Calvin's efforts to make Christian theology accessible to the emerging educated merchant class have been both an inspiration and a model for those of us who live and serve amidst people to whom the church is alien, Christ is relatively unknown, and life has another agenda. Here [at Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand] in the heartland of Buddhism, everything we do for Christ involves building cultural bridges and reiterating theological truths in words, languages, and metaphors that must be prayerfully and tediously discovered and developed. This brings us to as many perils as it does pearls, as it certainly did for Calvin.

Kenneth Dobson (D.Min., 1987)  
Chiang Mai, Thailand



One of the most profound observations in theological writing is found in the first sentences of the *Institutes*: "Nearly all the wisdom we possess, that is to say, true and sound wisdom, consists of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves. But, while joined by many bonds, which one precedes and brings forth the other is not easy to discern." Calvin unfolds the relation between God and the self in a characteristically unambiguous way, but, clearly, the door has been opened to not only the modern sense of ambiguity in the relationship, but a striking sense of symmetry as well. Calvin eschews simple-minded causation from the side of either God or the self. I find that very helpful in thinking about life.

John Simpson (M.Div., 1962)  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada



My husband, George Furniss, and I recently returned from being visiting pastors in the Reformed Church of France. We discovered a congregation that is fully immersed in the Reformed tradition—their new motto is "To believe is to think!"—coming straight from John Calvin's influence. In a congregation of 400, more than fifty people attend weekday evening interactive lectures about the reformers, and more than sixty members participate in an annual long-weekend bus tour led by the pastor, retracing the tracks of the reformers. I am awed by the zeal that members have for further understanding Reformation theology and attribute that to pastoral scholarly excellence and the close bond that Reformed church members feel with John Calvin and

It's not too late to join "A Year with the *Institutes*"! Participate in a daily reading of John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* to

celebrate the 500th anniversary of Calvin's birth. Go to <http://www2.ptsem.edu/ConEd/Calvin/> to access daily readings and reflection papers, to comment, or to download a podcast of the readings.



their Reformed roots.

They are also enthusiastic about imbibing wine and champagne (even at council meetings) and it is notable that the seemingly stuffy Calvin's salary was often paid in wine. I hope to claim each of these patterns in my pastorate in the U.S.

Sandra Larson (M.Div., 1977)  
Colbert, Washington



For my Ph.D. dissertation at PTS I studied Calvin's theology and practice of church discipline in Geneva based on his writings and the registers of the Geneva Consistory. The Geneva Consistory was established by John Calvin and became a unique organization for church discipline, where clergy and laity worked together to help believers to correctly understand the Protestant faith and practice so that they could produce a lifestyle suitable to the gospel. Church discipline is, for Calvin, "sinews, through which the members of the body [the church] hold together, each in its own place" (*Institutes*, 4.12.1). Although church discipline today has become something rather sticky and seemingly powerless, I believe it so crucial for the health of our church to learn about and apply more of the Reformer's emphasis on and application of discipline.

Jung-Sook Lee (Ph.D., 1997)  
Seoul, South Korea



I first read the *Institutes* in college. At that time I thought of Calvin as the seminal thinker who provided the intellectual foundation for Reformed thinking. If that sounds like a textbook answer, it is. In my first solo pastorate I had an epiphany that went beyond the textbook. I was serving as a board member for the Jefferson County (Ohio) Mental Health Center. Though



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## Calvin2009: Spring Events on Calvin



### March 29–30: A Calvin Festival

Calvin, Worship, and Music: Glad Surprises for the Church Today

**March 29** at 6:00 p.m. A musical service of thanks for the life of John Calvin

**March 30** at 9:00 a.m. A lecture by Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff on Calvin's liturgical theology, followed by worship and workshops

### April 28: A Calvin Lecture by Dr. Elsie McKee

"Calvin the Exiled Pastor to His French Flock: Insights on Calvin's Pastoral Character in the 1541 French *Institutes*"  
6:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for the festival, go to <http://www2.ptsem.edu/coned/calvin>.

Presbyterians were a denominational minority in the area, nine of the fourteen people sitting around the table were Presbyterians. Calvin's influence is in the DNA of our faith. Born in the urban setting of Geneva and bolstered by the belief that people of goodwill can mitigate self-interest by working as a community, we keep trusting that God provides a measure of redemption in the here and now. Thirty-five years later, I still take pride in the Calvinist tradition that asserts that faith is more than what we believe, it is what we do!

Robert B. Smith (M.Div., 1972; D.Min., 1982)  
Huron, Ohio



Upon taking Theology of Calvin with Dr. Elsie McKee, I was most surprised by Calvin's pastoral letters. While the *Institutes* and his sermons are widely read, the pastoral letters showed me a side to the man that history often paints as austere, cold, and condemning. I carry the image of Calvin's compassionate heart that balances his prophetic stances and orthodox teaching as I engage my congregation, remembering always that people matter most.

Case Thorp (M.Div., 2000)  
Orlando, Florida



For the past fifteen years I have practiced a method of prayer called "centering prayer." I have found it a meaningful practice for myself and I have led many workshops in churches teaching it. I have received encouragement from John Calvin, who taught prayer as an intimate relationship with God. Calvin says that our prayer flows from the "sweetness of love." (*Institutes* III, XX, 28) The word translated "sweetness" is *dulcedo*, prominent in the writings of the mystics, including Bernard, Richard of St. Victor, Rolle, and Ruysbroeck. (Calvin: *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Westminster Press, p. 890) Calvin says prayer draws us into God's bosom (*Institutes* III, XX, 5) like a child in the arms of a loving parent.

I was also encouraged in the practice of centering prayer by Calvin's "rules" for prayer. Centering prayer lets go of thoughts by using a sacred word or symbol to stay with the intention of consenting to God's presence and action within. Calvin taught that in prayer we let go of cares and thoughts that take us away from "pure contemplation of God." (*Institutes* III, XX, 4) "We are to rid ourselves of all alien and outside cares, by which the mind, itself a wanderer, is borne about hither and thither." (*Institutes* III, XX, 4) Rather than being "distracted by wandering thoughts" (*Institutes* III, XX, 5) we give watchful attention to the wonder of God.

J. (John) David Muyskens (Th.M., 1962; D.Min., 1978)  
Grand Rapids, Michigan



Coming to Princeton from a congregation in the old "southern" church, we had Communion only quarterly (whether we needed it or not). It was an enriching revelation to me to learn that John Calvin, our patron saint, wrote, argued, and struggled all his working life for a weekly celebration of the Eucharist. So I have since done the same with every church I have served. Praise be, the PCUSA congregations are now mostly on a monthly celebration. And I feel sure we will eventually join the huge majority of Christians in the world in celebrating the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day! Thanks, Calvin.

James Aydelotte (B.D., 1960)  
Asheville, North Carolina



John Calvin's theology shaped my own in many ways. The insight on ministry that has helped me keep perspective on my own service as a Presbyterian pastor and that I have used as a gentle reminder to generations of candidates for ordination is found in *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book IV, Chapter III "Of the Teachers and Ministers of the Church. Their Election and Office," where he describes God's use of the ministry of mortals. I summarize his reasons from p. 316 of the 1981 reprint of Beveridge's translation as follows: "1. not transferring his right and honor to them, but only doing his own work by their lips as an artificer uses a tool for any purpose, 2. as a most excellent and useful training to humility, when he accustoms us to obey his word though preached by men (sic) like ourselves, or, it may be, our inferiors in worth, 3. to cherish mutual charity...for did every man suffice for himself, and stand in no need of another's aid (such is the pride of the human intellect), each would despise all others, and be in his turn despised." I'm especially partial to reason number two as a check on my own pride, but all three work.

Paige M. McRight (M.Div., 1971)  
Orlando, Florida



### "I'm a Calvinist"

by Peter Hofstra

(Sung to the tune of "I'm a Lumberjack")

I'm a Calvinist and I'm okay,  
I know where I'm going on Judgment Day!  
I was depraved, to-tal-ly  
Now unconditionally elect  
I received that limited atonement  
Saving me from heck!

Oh, I'm a Calvinist, and I'm okay,  
I know where I'm going on Judgment Day!

I've got some grace, irresistible,  
With the saints, I'll persevere,  
Someday we'll be in heaven,  
Hey, is it getting hot in here?

Well, I'm a Calvinist and I'm okay,  
I know where I'm going on Judgment Day!

I was raised with the acronym TULIP as a reference to Calvin's theology. In seminary, and beyond, the great gift of humor has carried my church and myself through difficult times and anxious moments. I share this as a great gift of God, the ability to smile.

Peter Hofstra (M.Div., 1996)  
Perth Amboy, New Jersey



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## Seminary Choral Associate Serves on PCUSA Hymnal Committee

Princeton Seminary choral associate Chi Yi Chen was one of 200 applicants and one of twelve Presbyterians selected to serve on the newly formed Presbyterian Hymnal Committee. With David Eicher, the hymnal's editor, the committee will develop the next Presbyterian hymnal, scheduled to be published in 2014. The committee members were commissioned at a worship service in Louisville, Kentucky, in September, and will meet four times each year until the hymnal is published. The current hymnal was published in 1990.

A native of Taiwan, Chen studied church music at Tainan Theological College in Taiwan, where she earned her bachelor's degree; she earned her master's of music in choral conducting at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. She brings broad musical experience to the committee, including studying under well-known hymnal scholar, ethnomusicologist, pastor, and former president of Tainan Theological Seminary I-to Loh, and planning daily worship at Princeton Seminary with Martin Tel, C.F. Seabrook Director of Music.

Tel described the areas of growth in church music as songs from around the globe and worship songs in the Taizé tradition, and added that Chen brings

experience in both areas. "She has shaped the worship life here at Princeton, and has in turn been shaped by it," he said. "I'm



Photo: Joel Bock

proud of her because she will represent an eclectic Reformed, ecumenical, and international style of worship that has been formative for worship leaders graduating from Princeton, and these leaders will find their place in this new hymnal."

As a committee member, Chen will help choose which hymns will carry over to the new edition, and which new hymns will be included. She said her criteria for hymn selection are based in part on what the community actually uses: is the hymn singable, and is its theology meaningful to the people?

Chen also hopes to create or improve phonetic transcriptions of hymns in Taiwanese and Mandarin, languages in which she is fluent. "I hope I can open the church's mind to the Christianity of the world, so that we can learn from each other," she said. "Hymns help us know who we are."

## Faculty Publications

**Sally Brown** has written *Cross Talk: Preaching Redemption Here and Now* (Westminster John Knox Press, March 2008).

**Donald Capps** has written *The Decades of Life: A Guide to Human Development* (Westminster John Knox Press, August 2008).

**Beverly Roberts Gaventa** has contributed to *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology in Honor of Richard B. Hays* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, November 2008).

**J. Ross Wagner** has coedited and contributed to *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology in Honor of Richard B. Hays* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, November 2008).

## New Members Elected to Alumni/ae Council

Alumni/ae in three regions of the country have elected new members to the Seminary's Alumni/ae Association Executive Council.



Darrell Armstrong

Region three (Delaware and New Jersey) elected the Reverend Darrell Armstrong, Class of 1999, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, New



Kang-Yup Na

Jersey, and director of the Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships for the state's Department of Children and Families.

Region five (western Pennsylvania and West Virginia) elected the Reverend Kang-Yup Na, Class of 1989 and associate professor of religion at Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Region eleven (Arizona, southern California, and Hawaii) elected the Reverend Steve Yamaguchi, Class of 1988 and executive presbyter of Los Ranchos Presbytery.

The new members will begin service on the council in May. Congratulations to Darrell, Kang-Yup, and Steve!



Steve Yamaguchi



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## PTS Welcomes the Opera

Last June and July the Seminary campus came alive with song as thirty-nine members of Opera New Jersey descended on Alexander, Hodge, and Brown Halls while preparing for performances at McCarter Theater. Singers from Opera New Jersey have stayed in the student-vacated dorms for periods of up to eight weeks at a time since the Princeton-based company held its first summer festival in 2004. Above, cast members of *Cinderella* watch from back-stage during a dress rehearsal.



## Youth Ministry Podcast

In October, the Institute for Youth Ministry rolled out its first podcast, available through iTunes. The podcasts offer insights from current research in youth and young adult ministry, informative conversations with biblical scholars and theologians, and stories of exemplary ministries. New podcasts will be released the first and third Tuesdays of each month; to listen or subscribe, visit <http://www2.ptsem.edu/iym/podcast/>.

## A Historic Church with a Bright Future

Fredericksburg, Virginia, touts itself as "America's Most Historic City." So, it is only fitting that the country's most historic city is also home to one of its most historic Presbyterian churches: The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg.

The church, which celebrated its bicentennial in 2008, was formally established in 1808. Its founding pastor, Samuel Blaine Wilson, ministered until 1841. Since then, twenty pastors have come through the doors, serving numerous generations of parishioners.

The church's current pastor, Allen H. Fisher Jr. (M.Div., 1981), is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. Interestingly enough, when Fisher was called to the church, he was only its second pastor to have been educated at PTS. Even more interesting is the fact that Fisher's Princeton predecessor led the church well over a century before Fisher was called to Fredericksburg in 1995.

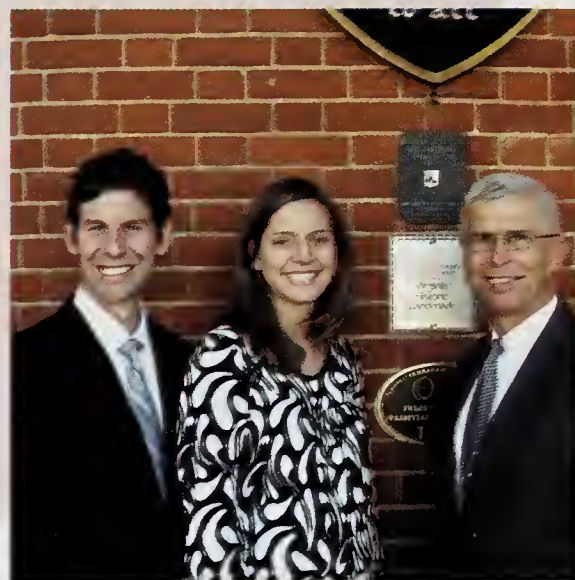
"The Princeton connection in the Fredericksburg area is older and deeper than most people would assume," asserted Fisher, who talked about the church's first Princeton pastor, Archibald Alexander Hodge, the son of one of PTS's early professors, Charles Hodge. (Charles Hodge was a close friend of the Seminary's first professor, Archibald Alexander, and Hodge named his son after his friend.) Archibald Alexander Hodge came to The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg in 1855 and left at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. He eventually came to teach at Princeton Seminary, assuming his father's chair in theology.

Fisher mentioned another connection his church and the area has with Princeton. For many years, The Presbyterian Church had a relationship with Alexander Chapel, erected in memory of Hodge's namesake, Archibald Alexander. Alexander's daughter Janetta had it built around 1884. The building served as a family chapel for the Lacy family, and many of The Presbyterian Church's pastors preached there. "The land was owned in the eighteenth century by General Thomas Posey, whose family Alexander served as a tutor in 1788. While Alexander was there, he was influenced by one of the Fredericksburg church's members, Mrs. William Jones, whose piety and witness made a lasting mark on his personal faith," said Fisher.

Since Fisher has taken the helm at the Fredericksburg church, two more PTS grads have come to serve the congregation. Completing this PTS trifecta is Associate Pastor Patrick Dennis (M.Div., 2006), called to the church in late 2006, and his wife, Sarah Scheck Dennis (M.Div., 2007), who became director of youth ministry there last summer.

To commemorate its bicentennial year, the congregation held several celebratory events throughout 2008, including a homecoming picnic in June, a bicentennial dinner in October on Reformation Sunday, when Dean of Student Life Nancy Lammers Gross (M.Div., 1981; Ph.D., 1992) was the featured speaker, and a bicentennial service in November, when former PTS professor Brian Blount (M.Div., 1981), now president of Union-PSCE, preached.

Although it's been quite an exciting year for the church, Fisher is ready to leave this momentous year behind him and start looking toward the church's transition into the third century. "I think that the most interesting part of our history is ahead of us," he said confidently.



Left to right, Patrick Dennis, Sarah Scheck Dennis, and Allen Fisher

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## Engle Institute Nurtures Young Preachers

As the glow of the setting sun settled over Miller Chapel in June, the participants of the 2008 Engle Institute of Preaching gathered to worship as a community. The music was diverse, as was the group of forty-one fellows whose voices rose to the ceiling in waves of traditional spirituals, Anglican and Taizé chants, and Presbyterian hymns. This worship service was just one of the many blessings made possible by the generous gift of Joe R. Engle, a member of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, who envisioned a place where people new to ministry and the demands of regular preaching could strengthen their skills as preachers. The majority of attendees, called Engle Fellows, are recent Princeton Seminary graduates in their first five years of ministry.

The emphasis on worship at the Engle Institute is intentional, according to Michael Hegeman (M.Div., 1996; Th.M., 1998), who has served as coordinator of the institute for the past four years. "We want to integrate the worship part of the institute with the coursework," said Hegeman, who sees the worship services as a vital counterpart to the demanding hands-on learning of the daily workshops. While the worship is certainly inspiring, it also serves an important function, noted James Kay, the institute's director. "We're able to show pastors styles of worship without explicitly teaching them."

Engle participant Gretchen Sausville (M.Div., 2005) attended Seminary professor Michael Brothers's "Off the Page" workshop, where she gained confidence in manuscript-free preaching. For Sausville, the insight gained was empowering. "I'm not memorizing a script but embodying what I've written," she said. "I've learned to trust what I'm doing and not be afraid of it."

Hegeman noted the change among alumni/ae who return to Princeton to participate in the Engle Institute. "What I see is a deepening in their lives," said Hegeman. "You could use the word 'maturing.' The angst of seminary is gone and they get to come back



Photo: Meagan Cracraft

and say, 'the questions that I really want to ask now that I've been in the church, are these...'" Often, these questions aren't only about their personal skills as ministers and preachers of the Word, but also questions of calling. Being at the Engle Institute isn't just about improving preaching; it's about finding time away from the demands of the minister's week to reflect, to participate in fellowship, and to worship. Participants refine their preaching through innovative workshops and, often, receive spiritual renewal in the process.

"If they survive [in ministry], they think they're doing well," said David Davis (M.Div., 1986; Ph.D., 2002), pastor of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton and this year's pastor/preacher-in-residence, "yet God calls us to flourish in ministry, and not just survive." By providing a weeklong respite for preachers, the Engle Institute aims to help participants find the spiritual space—and hone the preaching skills—that are essential to a thriving ministry.

The next institute will be held June 14–19, 2009. For more information visit [www.ptsem.edu/ce/engle2009.php](http://www.ptsem.edu/ce/engle2009.php).



M.Div. middlers Laura Powell (left) and Caroline Anderson enjoy the festivities at the Seminary's annual Halloween dinner.



Photo: Joel Bock

## Zambians Visit PTS

A delegation of pastors and elders from two Presbyterian denominations in Zambia visited Princeton Seminary on February 3. They are pictured here with Professor Daniel Migliore, whose class on Karl Barth they attended. Many used Migliore's book as a textbook in their study at Justo Mwale Theological College in Lusaka.

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## Bienvenido

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### L.I.V.E. Symposium

In October, the Office of Multicultural Relations held the Seminary's first L.I.V.E. (Learning, Inclusion, Vitality, and Exploration) Symposium, titled "Making Room at the Table." Forty-one prospective students from Latina/o, Asian American, and African American cultures, and from international backgrounds, came to the campus for a two-and-a-half-day exploration of vocation.

Participants worshipped with Trenton, New Jersey's, Shiloh Baptist Church, pastored by Darrell Armstrong (M.Div., 1999), attended classes, and heard presentations on admissions, financial aid, and field education. Director of the Hispanic Leadership Program Gabriel Salguero, Director of Multicultural Relations Victor Aloyo, and Professors Luke Powery and Yolanda Pierce gave presentations on the value and nature of

the Princeton Seminary experience. And in their evaluations of the event, nearly all the participants lauded the panel of PTS alumni/ae, which represented diverse backgrounds, vocations, and experiences at Princeton Seminary. Panelists were Amaury Tanon-Santos (M.Div., 2005), Cornell Edmonds (M.Div., 2000), Rachel Mihee Kim-Kort (M.Div., 2004; Th.M., 2008), John Joon Young Huh (M.Div., 2006), Regina Langley (M.Div., 2000), and Charles Atkins Jr. (M.Div./M.A., 2000).

Colette Walker of Roselle, New Jersey, said she had a dream of coming to Princeton Seminary, but the L.I.V.E. event helped make it seem like a real possibility. She described the prospective students who attended L.I.V.E. as "willing to put themselves out there and explore and examine, and knock on the door."

Making theological education a real possibility for Walker and her fellow prospectives was Aloyo's goal. "They

became open to asking questions, and to exploring opportunities they never knew existed," he said. "Princeton Seminary is a complex institution that strives to lift up the stories of all its members—and there is creative tension there. When a diverse community gathers and expresses varying opinions and perspectives, there is an opportunity for systemic change. We were real, and participants really responded to that."

Walker caught the vision. "I'm excited about being a part of something much bigger than me," she said. "There were different people from all over the country, and from different countries, and with different callings, all serving the same God.... If you're in your little church, you don't get to see the bigness of God, and the people who don't look just like you. [When you meet them,] you definitely want to get to know them."



### PTS Hosts Presbyterian Leaders in Theological Education

In October Princeton Seminary and President Torrance hosted a meeting of the Presbyterian Church's Committee on Theological Education (COTE). COTE has responsibility to develop and maintain a comprehensive, denomination-wide plan for theological education and to serve as an advocate for the church's ten seminaries and the two seminaries related to the denomination by covenant agreement. The presidents of all the seminaries are members of COTE.

### PTS Trustee Keynotes Program on Faith and Work

In August, Amy Brinkley, global risk executive at Bank of America, elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Princeton Seminary trustee, was the keynote speaker for "Transitions: Faith and Work in a Changing Economy," a program held at the church. She is pictured here (center) with Wes Barry (M.Div., 2007) and Katherine Cooke (M.Div., 2005). Designed for those in job transition and those seeking ways to relate faith and work, the event included discussion about multigenerational work environments, discovering vocation, plotting a career path, and stability in times of change.



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**Connection between PTS and Mar Thoma Church Renewed**

Nearly a thousand worshipers attended a special service of reception on February 7 in Philadelphia for the Right Reverend Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius Episcopa, the new bishop of the diocese of North America and Europe of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar. Representing Princeton Seminary as "chief guest" for the occasion was Professor James F. Kay, who brought special greetings to the bishop and diocese on behalf of President Torrance.

In his address, Kay noted the Mar Thoma graduates of PTS since the Reverend K.K. George received his doctorate in 1950 and went on to become general secretary of the Mar Thomas Sunday School Department. In 2002, the Reverend V.S. Varghese completed his Ph.D. and in 2005, the Reverend Ninu Chandy received his Th.M. Four PTS Mar Thoma graduates



Photo: Abraham Mathew

John Titus of the Mar Thoma Church of Seattle, Washington, presents to Professor James F. Kay an engraved plaque commemorating the Diocesan Reception for the new Mar Thoma bishop of North America and Europe, with the newly welcomed bishop, Dr. Geevarghese Mar Theodosius, looking on.

went on to become bishops: Zacharias Mar Theophilos Suffragan Metropolitan, Thomas Mar Timotheus Episcopa, Isaac Mar Philoxenos, and Abraham Paulos Episcopa.

**PTS Senior Pushes His Way to a World Record**

With a sheen of sweat on his face, M.Div. senior Ryan Bonfiglio lowered himself to within inches of the ground for the final time, thrusting himself up again with surprising quickness; after one hour of arm-shattering work, he had just completed his 3,432nd pushup, setting a new Guinness World Record. This was Bonfiglio's second attempt at the record after his first fell short by only seven pushups, or ".2 percent," as he pointed out. What could possibly have compelled Bonfiglio to exert himself in this Herculean effort, twice? And what kind of training could have prepared the new world record holder to win his title?

Immediately after he graduated from Princeton University as an All-Ivy wrestler with a degree in chemistry, the university hired Bonfiglio as an assistant wrestling coach. While coaching, he was also a chaplain to student athletes through a nondenominational campus ministry. To keep things lively during the grueling wrestling workouts, he performed impromptu feats of fitness. These "meat-head miracles," as the team called them, included his first foray into pushup achievement. When a student wondered aloud whether it was possible to do 1,000 pushups in a single hour, Bonfiglio accepted the challenge. He completed the pushups in fifty-nine minutes. In addition to his pushup record, for a brief time Bonfiglio held the world's pull-up record, which he earned by raising his chin above the bar 507 times in an hour. The list of athletic triumphs goes on: Bonfiglio ran his first marathon in two hours, forty-nine minutes, and he once raised funds for his campus ministry by hiking fifty miles and climbing fourteen peaks in New Hampshire's White Mountains—in a single day.

But don't think he's all brawn and no brains. While coaching at Princeton University, Bonfiglio decided to take some classes at the Seminary to improve his skills as a chaplain. When he realized that he would need to know Hebrew and Greek to qualify for the Old and



Photo: Benjamin Robinson

New Testament exegesis courses he was interested in, he began studying biblical language primers while traveling on bus trips with the wrestling team. Eventually he mastered the languages so well that since coming to Seminary he has precepted for both, and he even self-published his own Hebrew grammar.

"This is just part of me," Bonfiglio said about his passion for pushing himself to the limits of endurance. "It doesn't come out of some theology of sport, it just comes out of who I am as a person." Bonfiglio recognizes that many people in academia don't understand his athletic side, but that doesn't mean he's likely to give it up any time soon, despite his aspirations to teach. "There's a duality here. People in the academic world don't get why I do these crazy athletic things, and people in the athletic world don't always get my academic interests."

For now, Bonfiglio is focusing on his academic side. With an interest in the Deuteronomistic history and constructions of religious, ethnic, and social identities through history-telling, fitness feats will likely play second-string to Ph.D. studies in the near future. Yet if the past is any indication, it won't be long before Bonfiglio is surrounded again by enthusiastic supporters, with time running out on the clock and only a few more reps to go before making history.



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PTS staff members Marie Grasso and Jack McAnlis model the new PTS scarf and tie.

## PTS Ties and Scarves

New Princeton Seminary ties and scarves are available at Cokesbury, the Theological Book Agency. The ties feature the Seminary logo. The design on the scarf was inspired by the wood carving on the Joe R. Engle Organ in Miller Chapel, and the PTS logo appears on the inner border of the scarf. To order a tie or scarf, email [dmacphail@cokebury.com](mailto:dmacphail@cokebury.com).



Photo: Daniel Escher



## GA Moderator Visits PTS

In October, Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), visited the PTS campus and talked with students about the state of the church. Reyes-Chow, a young, energetic new church development pastor in San Francisco, was elected moderator in June 2008. You can follow his blog at <http://www.mod.reyes-chow.com/>.



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## Smile!

Turning the camera on themselves, the student photography staff of the Communications/Publications Office is all smiles! Pictured top row from left: Daniel Escher, Sung Hwan Kim, Matthew Nickel, and Matt Parker Wrzeszcz; bottom row from left: Joel Bock and Espen Bock (the only professional in the bunch), Rachel Achtemeier, and Len Turner.



## Teen Art at Erdman

From July through September, the Center of Continuing Education's Erdman Art Gallery featured artwork from the 2008 Mercer County Teen Arts Festival. The thirty-one pieces on display were chosen by a panel of festival judges from more than 1,000 entries.

## Seminary Choir Sings on New CD Benefiting UN World Food Program

The Princeton Seminary Choir, directed by Martin Tel, contributed two tracks to a new CD, *A Princeton Christmas—For the Children of Africa, Volume 2*. All proceeds went to the UN World Food Program's School Feeding Program, which reduces hunger and improves education by providing school lunches for students. To purchase the CD, email Deb MacPhail at [dmacphail@cokebury.com](mailto:dmacphail@cokebury.com).





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## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Herencia Lectures

In mid-September nearly eighty students, faculty and staff members, and alumni/ae kicked off PTS's first-ever celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with the Herencia ("Heritage") Lecture Series.

Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz of Drew University offered the first lecture in the three-part series. Her lecture, titled "It's More than Just Spanish! Theology and Praxis," argued for incorporating the Latina/o emphasis on *teología en conjunto*, or theology born from specific community experience, into the life of the church. "Theology is neither the explanation of church teaching and dogmas, nor reflection on the Bible as such; it's really the faith of the people that becomes the starting point for theology," said Isasi-Díaz, who eschewed any easy attempt to give theology a "Latin flavor" by adding a veneer of Spanish words.

Isasi-Díaz's message resonated with M.Div. senior Sarah Henkle, who has worked in bilingual churches for the past two years. A truly inclusive church "is more than just having a bilingual liturgy, it's having a liturgy that actually speaks the 'language' of the people in a deeper way," said Henkle. "It requires a different theology and praxis."

Just two weeks before the Herencia Lectures, a United States census was released that predicted that by the year 2050, nearly one in three U.S. residents will be Hispanic American. Latina/o students make up three percent of the student body at PTS.

Victor Aloyo, director of multicultural relations, believes that for the church to remain viable, it needs to reflect those changing demographics. "Our hope is that the development of initiatives like the Herencia Lectures will raise awareness that our ministries become enhanced and enriched when we learn from diverse perspectives," said Aloyo. "We are then able to value people's



Photo: Len Turner

Left to right: William Reyes, M.Div. middler, Joseph Collazo, M.Div. senior, and the Reverend José González Colón (M.Div., 2007), all of whom attended the inaugural Herencia Lectures in October 2008

lives and stories at a level that heightens our sense of integrity as a called, global community of God." Though the lectures are not yet established as an annual event, Aloyo hopes this year's Herencia Lectures will open doors for further integration of Latina/o scholarship into the Seminary's curriculum.

Other Herencia lecturers included Dr. David Abalos (Ph.D., 1972), professor of religious studies and sociology at Seton Hall University and visiting lecturer in politics at Princeton University, who lectured on "Politics and Assimilation: Latinos/as and the Sacred." Dr. Edward David Aponte, vice president of academic affairs and dean of Lancaster Theological Seminary, offered a lecture titled "Who Are We? A Pastoral Challenge."

Approximately fifty people attended a closing worship service, "Levantando Nuestra Voz" ("Lifting Up Our Voice"), led by the Reverend Raul Ruiz, pastor of the Spanish American Baptist Church of Union City, New Jersey.



Photo: Joel Bock

## Green Day

In November, students volunteered at both campuses to rake leaves, pick up litter, and educate other students about recycling and composting at PTS. The event, sponsored by the Facilities Office, the Office of Housing and Auxiliary Services, and the environment subgroup of Seminarians for Peace and Justice, was the first of its kind at the Seminary.

## Going Green!

Stay in touch! Send us your email address. To help reduce our carbon footprint, PTS will increasingly communicate with alumni/ae and friends electronically rather than in print. To stay connected, send your email address to [commpub@ptsem.edu](mailto:commpub@ptsem.edu).





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## Two Presbytery of Philadelphia Candidates Receive Awards

Abigail Visco, a 2008 M.Div. graduate and candidate for ordination in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was awarded the Parish Pulpit Fellowship for 2008. Since September, Visco has been in Delhi, India, working with "Third Culture Kids" (TCKs). TCKs are youth in international churches who occupy two or more cultures simultaneously, often due to their parents' positions in international diplomacy, business, missions, or military service. In some cases, TCKs are the children of refugee families displaced by conflict in their native country.

No newcomer to cross-cultural ministry, Visco spent a year in Lausanne, Switzerland, through the international field education program at PTS. While in India, Visco will interview TCKs about how their cross-cultural experiences have influenced their faith. "As I work on this project and enter ordained ministry, my prayer is that God will use me to reach youth who stand on the



Abigail Visco

Photo: Gregory Benson Photography

edges of culture, to point to Christ as their home, and to celebrate their diverse callings and gifts for the Spirit's work throughout the cultures of this world,"

Visco said. In March 2009, Visco presented her findings at the Families in Global Transition Conference in Houston, Texas.

M.Div. senior Jason Tucker, also a candidate for ordination in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, has been awarded a Dana Kull Memorial Scholarship for Christian Vocations by Ocean City Tabernacle in

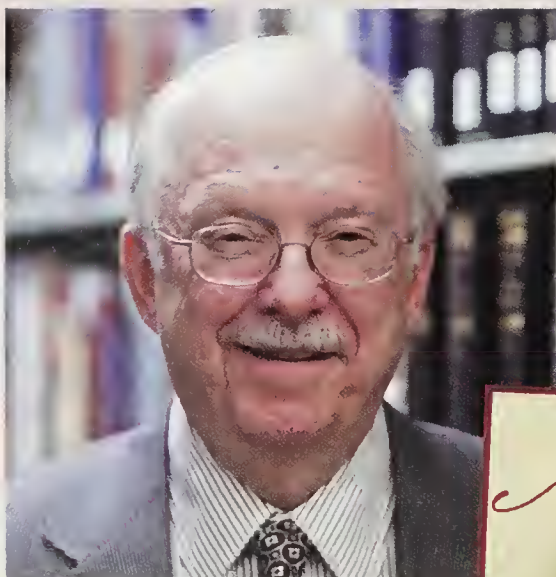


Jason Tucker

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Ocean City, New Jersey. Tucker has served as worship leader at the First Presbyterian Church in Ambler, Pennsylvania, and program director at Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center. He is currently the director of the praise and worship team at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield, New Jersey. The Dana Kull Memorial Scholarship is a national scholarship awarded to applicants pursuing vocations in Christian service. The scholarship honors the memory of Dana Kull, a former auto dealer and pilot.

Photo: Joel Bock



## Ronald White's New Book on Lincoln

Random House has just released Ronald White's new book, *A. Lincoln: A Biography*. The book is already on *The New York Times* best-seller list. White (M.Div., 1964) is former head of the Seminary's Department of Continuing Education. He signed copies of the book at PTS in February as part of his national book tour.

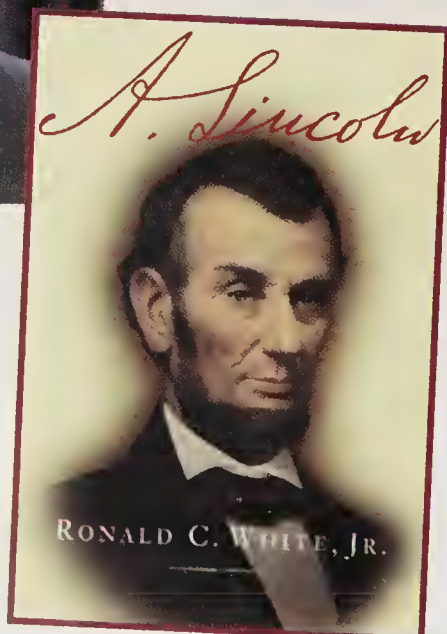


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## Following the Call: PTS Honors Military Chaplains

Each year, PTS marks Veterans Day by honoring the service of military chaplains. On November 18, Chaplain Captain Margaret Grun Kibben (M.Div., 1986; D.Min., 2002) returned to PTS to lead worship in Miller Chapel. "Where will the call of discipleship lead those who follow?" she asked in her sermon. Chaplain Kibben knows firsthand that for many military chaplains, the call of discipleship takes them overseas and away from family, yet like so many others, she wouldn't dream of ignoring the call. "As a chaplain, I can be an incarnation of God's love, as Jesus was. I can stand in and among...those in harm's way," she said. Following chapel, a luncheon was held to honor students and staff who have served in the Armed Forces, and to provide an opportunity for students interested in chaplaincy to explore their options. Four military chaplains are presently enrolled in the Th.M. program at PTS.



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## Heard on Campus

**Rick Ellis**, retired teacher from West Windsor-Plainsboro Public Schools and an adjunct teacher at Bankstreet College in New York City, "Reggio-Inspired Practices."

**Raúl Gómez-Ruiz**, SDS, director of intellectual formation and professor of systematic studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wisconsin, Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Lecture, "Ritual and the Construction of Cultural Identity."

**Ada María Isasi-Díaz**, professor of ethics and theology at the theological and graduate schools of Drew University, Herencia Lecture, "It's More Than Just Spanish! Theology and Praxis."

**David Abalos**, professor of religious

studies and sociology at Seton Hall University and visiting lecturer in politics at Princeton University, Herencia Lecture, "Politics and Assimilation: Latinos/as and the Sacred."

**George Marsden**, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, University of Notre Dame, Stone Lectures, "Rip Van Edwards: President Jonathan Edwards Returns to Princeton after 250 Years."

**Edward David Aponte**, vice president of academic affairs and dean of Lancaster Theological Seminary, Herencia Lecture, "Who Are We? A Pastoral Challenge."

**Robert Wilson**, Hooper Professor of Religious Studies and Old Testament, Yale University, Biblical Studies Department Lecture, "The Hebrew Bible as a Social Artifact: Reflections on the Current Debate."

**David Burrell**, C.S.C., Hesburgh Professor Emeritus in Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame; professor of ethics and development, Uganda Martyrs University, Frederick Neumann Memorial Lecture, "Christians and Muslims Breathe a New Spirit."

**Paul Scott Wilson**, professor of homiletics, Emmanuel College, Victoria University, University of Toronto, Donald Macleod/Short Hills Community Congregational Church Preaching Lectures, "Preaching: Speaking for God."

**Allan Anderson**, professor of global Pentecostal studies and director of the Graduate Institute for Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, England, Students' Lectureship on Missions, "The Missionary Nature of Early Pentecostalism."

## Teaching "Wholistic" Health at PTS

Seven certified massage therapists offering free back and neck massages were the "hook and draw" at the eleventh annual Wholistic Health Fair, held in the Mackay Campus Center on November 7, but while the Seminary community may have been drawn in by the free massages, they stayed for the knowledge. The fair featured twenty-nine area businesses with expertise on topics ranging from nutrition to domestic violence. Some vendors offered tests on a variety of health indicators, including bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, and spinal alignment.

"In recent years, a wonderful change of consciousness has begun in our culture about the interdependent components of good health," said Nancy Schongalla-Bowman, director of student counseling and creator of the Seminary's Wholistic Health Initiative, which sponsors the event (the group adds a "w" to "holistic" to emphasize wholeness). The aim of the fair is to provide educational materials and experiential opportunities that advance wholistic health as a lifelong process.

M.Div. senior Katie Poticher coordinated the event. "Equipping students with knowledge about local health resources empowers them to make the choices they need to find balance in their lives, which can lead to healthy ministries," she said. Yet when students leave the health fair, it's up to them to be proactive. "The health fair is not about arriving at wholistic health," said Poticher. "But the awareness it raises is an integral part of the process."

The health fair was serious in its aim without sacrificing fun.

Students milling around the vendor tables were served "mocktails" with names like "Bloody Perpetua Sangria," "Platonic Piña Colada," and "Abstinence on the Beach." More than twenty-five door prizes were raffled off for items like free hour-long massages, gift certificates to area restaurants and health food grocers, and acupuncture or chiropractic consultations. Jarod Osborne, an M.Div. middler who teaches

fitness classes at PTS, was pleased with the quality and number of vendors present. "There's so much emphasis on mental development at PTS," he said. "It's important to bring in spiritual and physical wellness."



Staff member Patricia Korsak with chiropractor Ari Cohn.

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## Faculty and Staff Accolades

In November, **Charles Bartow** was the special guest at a reception held in his honor during the Academy of Homiletics annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. He was presented with a volume of essays dedicated to him and received the academy's Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Clifton Black** delivered lectures at several British universities in October: "Revisiting Biblical Theology," at the University of Durham; "Trinity and Exegesis," at the University of St. Andrews; and "Mark as Historian of God's Kingdom," at Oxford University.

He led a retreat in September, "Journeying through Scripture with the Lectionary's Map," for pastors in the Presbytery of the Cascades in Oregon.

He participated in August in a continuing seminar, "The Word of God in the Mission and Life of the Church," at the Seventy-First International Meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America at Fordham University in New York.

Black also led a family retreat for members of Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City in October 2007. The retreat was based on material drawn from his new book published this fall: *The Eighth Day of Creation: An Anthology of Christian Scripture*.

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary hosted the first of its biennial conferences on pastoral care in October. The conference honored the work of **Donald Capps**, who is now in his fortieth year of teaching at PTS. The conference was organized by **Allan Hugh Cole Jr. (M.Div., 1994; Ph.D., 2001)** and **Robert Dykstra** to recognize the significant contribution that Capps has made through his scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and leadership in the various fields relating to ministries of care.

**James Charlesworth** met in September with the Samaritan High Priest on Mt. Gerizim in Israel, where he presented the priest with a copy of Deuteronomy 27, which has the Samaritan reading in which God instructs Moses to build an altar on *hrgzrim*. The Dead Sea Scroll was allegedly found in Cave IV and is about to be published by Charlesworth.

In June, Charlesworth spent an evening near Yarnton Manor in Oxfordshire, England, with Géza Vermes, a Hungarian scholar and noted authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls. For forty years, Charlesworth and Vermes have discussed Jesus and the paradigmatic importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for re-envisioning Jesus' Judaism. Vermes sponsored Charlesworth as a fellow of Wolfson College and Yarnton Manor, Oxford's Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies.

While lecturing in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in June, in honor of the Ethiopian Millennium, Charlesworth received an audience with



Dr. Charlesworth with the Samaritan High Priest on Mt. Gerizim

Patriarch **Abuna Paulos (Th.M., 1970; Ph.D., 1988)** of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

**Robert Dykstra** lectured in November at Harvey Park Christian Church in Denver, Colorado, for the joint annual fall conference of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. His topic was "The Subversive Compassion of Men's Friendships."

As a continuation of the Older Adult Ministry Initiative at PTS, **Abigail Rian Evans** is conducting a feasibility study for the National Council on Aging/National Interfaith Coalition on Aging as a part-time consultant. This research project will ascertain the interests and needs of a modest sample of congregations and ecumenical faith-based organizations in addressing the needs and concerns of their older adults.

Evans traveled in August to Birmingham, Alabama, to be the keynote speaker for an annual training event for church leaders in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley and North Alabama Presbytery, and also led workshops on "Negotiated Death—Theological, Ethical, and Medical Issues in End of Life Decisions" and "Double Honor to Our Elders: Why and How to Start a Ministry with Older Adults."

She was also the keynote speaker in June at the Interfaith Summit 2008: "Where to Start: Closing Gaps in Serving Older Adults" at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. The conference was a collaborative effort of the faith-based community, the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, CareFaxLTC (a long-term care nonprofit), Fairfax County, and George Mason University.

**Darrell Guder** participated in a dialogue in October with George Hunsberger, professor of congregational mission at Western Theological Seminary and coordinator of the Gospel and Our Culture Network. The conference was held in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on the theme "The Heart of the Church's Missional Character," and was organized by Journey, center for the church's learning at Western Theological Seminary.

Guder was also the guest speaker at the Global Mission Conference at St. Simons Presbyterian Church on St. Simons Island, Georgia, in October. His topic was "You Are a Missionary."

**George Hunsinger** spoke this past summer at the Interfaith Forum on Ethics of Torture and Human Rights in Portland, Oregon. The forum was sponsored by the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

He also spoke at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, California, and is pictured here (center) with the Reverend Dr. George F. Regas (left), retired rector of the congregation, and the Reverend J. Edwin Bacon Jr. (right), the current rector.



**Jacqueline Lapsley** was theologian-in-residence for a weekend in October at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church in Camp



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Hill, Pennsylvania. She and congregation members explored the role of the Ten Commandments within God's relationship with Israel and the church, how to use the commandments in moral decision-making, and whether the commandments should be posted in the public realm.

**Cleo LaRue** was a featured preacher in October on *Day 1*, a nationally broadcast radio program also accessible by podcast at Day1.org. The two programs, which ran on October 12 and 26, included a sermon by LaRue along with interviews conducted by the program's host and executive producer, Peter Wallace.

In October, **Elsie McKee** participated in an international conference on John Calvin sponsored by the Institute for Reformation Research at the Theological University in Apeldoorn, the Netherlands. The conference, "Saint or Sinner? The Reformation of John Calvin (1509–1564)," was held at Vanenburg Castle, Putten. McKee's presentation was titled "Calvin as Reformer of Spirituality."

She also attended in October the meeting of the Praesidium of the International Congress for Calvin Research, of which she has been a member since 2000, the first and only female on the Praesidium.

**Daniel Migliore** was a presenter in October at the International Conference on the Triune God in Wichita, Kansas. His lecture topic was "Why Do Christians Speak of God as Trinity?" Migliore also preached at the First Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson.

In September he addressed the adult class at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton on the recent invitation of Muslim theologians to Christian leaders, "A Common Word Between Us and You," and engaged in dialogue around the theme of the twofold love commandment.

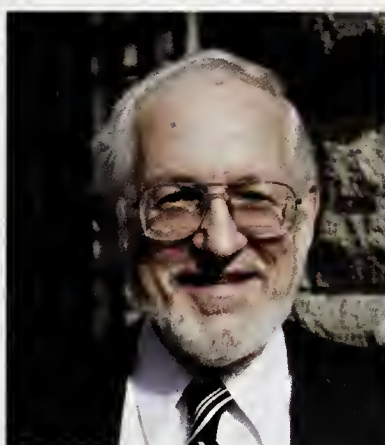
He also preached in September at the Second Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and participated in a Christian-Muslim dialogue with Imam Yahya Hendi, Muslim chaplain at Georgetown University.

In November, **Gordon Mikoski** was the moderator of an event hosted by the Princeton Area Anti-Torture Advocacy Group. The event included the showing of the Academy Award-winning documentary film *Taxi to the Dark Side*.

**Patrick Miller** preached in June at the 125th anniversary of Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. Miller was a former member of the church.

**Samuel H. Moffett** made a presentation in June at the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat, North Carolina, on the history of the Korean missionaries and the Korean Presbyterian Church, which is the largest church in the world.

**Peter Paris** was a panelist at Boston College's Mass Humanities 2008 Symposium "One Nation Under God? The Role of Religion in American Public Life" in November. The topic of his session was "How Religion Shapes American Culture."



**Yolanda Pierce** was a guest in November on WBUR Boston and National Public Radio's *On Point* with Tom Ashbrook. The featured topic was the State of Nebraska's offering of a "safe haven" to children; the safe haven program expected babies, but instead got parents abandoning teenagers.

She was also a guest in November on *Another View* on New Jersey Network television. The program focused on the historic presidential election of Barack Obama, how the election can be a transformative moment in American history, and whether Obama's victory signals the end of racial conflict.

In May, **Luke Powery** spoke at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on "Spirituals, Slave Narratives, and African American Interpretation."

**Gabriel Salguero** received the "El Award" in November, an award given annually by *El Diario/La Prensa*, the Northeast's most well known Latino newspaper. Salguero was recognized as one of the most influential Latinos in the tri-state area. He was one of twenty-five recipients.

He was also featured in an article, "Voices of a New Generation," in the November issue of *Charisma and Christian Life*.

**Mark Lewis Taylor** presented Austin College's 2008 Allen-Head Lecture in April. His lecture was titled "The Future of the Christian Right in U.S. Political Culture."

**Wentzel van Huyssteen** was a presenter, along with five prominent scientists, at the 2008 Nobel Conference "Who Were the First Humans?" that more than 5,000 people attended at Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota, in October. He discussed recent findings in paleontology and anthropology in terms of human symbolic thought and creative imagination, addressing the question of what we have to learn about human uniqueness if we add the evolution of religion, sexuality, and morality to the discussion. Van Huyssteen (left) is pictured here with Professor Robin Dunbar, from the Institute of Cognitive Science and Anthropology at Oxford University, England. Dunbar also delivered one of the Nobel Lectures.



Van Huyssteen also spoke in October at the Institute of Paleontology and Paleoanthropology of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, as part of a one-day conference with Chinese scientists on "Human Origins and Symbolic Behavior," sponsored by the Templeton Foundation.



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Photo: Daniel Escher

## Banners Unfurled!

Colorful yellow and burgundy banners hanging from campus lamp-posts on the main campus and at the Tennent and West Windsor campuses greeted students beginning the fall term. Each of the seventy banners displays the PTS logo and a word from the Seminary's mission statement. A brainchild of the Department of Student Life envisioned both to symbolize and to form community, the banners express the Seminary's hospitality and welcome to students, faculty, and visitors alike.

## PTS Talent for Sale at Annual Community Auction

This year's Community Auction was a night of "fast talk and flying hands" as the Stewardship and Mission Committee raised nearly \$2,000 for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and for student mission initiatives.

If you had stopped by Mackay cafeteria on the night of November 14 with \$20 in your pocket, you could have commissioned an original poem about your life, secured ninety minutes of Greek tutoring to prepare for ordination exams, or been outbid for a decorated sheet cake. Other items up for auction included lessons in: the video game Dance Dance Revolution, personal fitness, salsa and merengue dancing, bookbinding, Appalachian-style clogging, propositional logic, knitting, and, yes, fire twirling.

With M.Div. middler Brian McCollum as auctioneer, bidding jockeyed back and forth in five-dollar increments as teams formed for the larger items. Some of the heaviest bidding was hashed out for home-cooked meals at faculty or staff homes, but it was professor of medieval church history Paul Rorem's donation of a guided tour of the Cloisters in New York City for six to eight people, with lunch included, that brought out the most generosity—and competitive spirit—among the participants, selling for just less than \$400.

The second-highest bidding war broke out for "The Phillies Experience," M.Div. senior and Phillies fanatic David Wright's contribution of two tickets to a spring game, with dinner and his

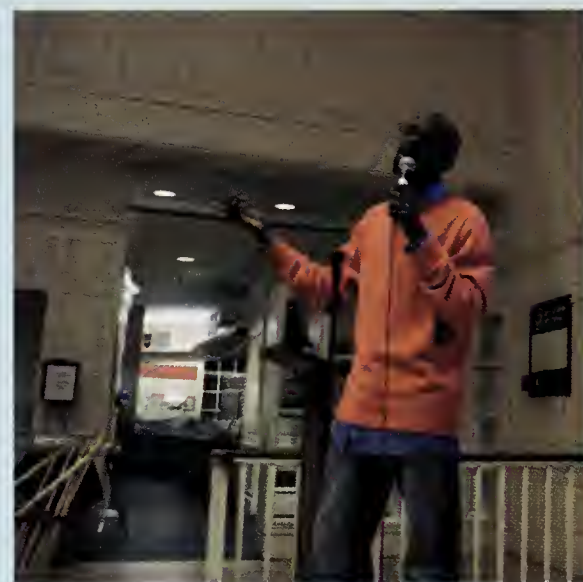


## A Common Word

In October, at the invitation of Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, President Torrance participated in a conference at Lambeth Palace as part of the continuing dialogue on "A Common Word," and on future Christian-Muslim engagement. "A Common Word Between Us and You" is an open letter written in October 2007 by 138 Muslim scholars, clerics, and intellectuals to declare common ground between Christianity and Islam. Read "A Common Word" at <http://www.acommonword.com/>

team expertise included. Wright promised to arrive at the winners' doorstep with cheesesteaks and two tickets to the Phillies in hand, an outing well worth the \$160 it raised. A silent auction that included original Sumi ink paintings, handmade jewelry, homemade toffee, and crocheted baby blankets contributed \$313 to the cause.

"We're hoping to use the funds we raised to 'Sponsor a Day' at the soup kitchen, which entails paying for one day of meals and bringing a group of volunteers to actually serve one of the meals," said Miriam Diephouse-McMillan, who organized the event with fellow middlers Julie Saksa and Andrew Wilkes. Though they didn't raise enough money at the auction to sponsor a full day of services at TASK, the generous support of the Seminary community brought the Stewardship and Mission Committee one step closer to its goal.

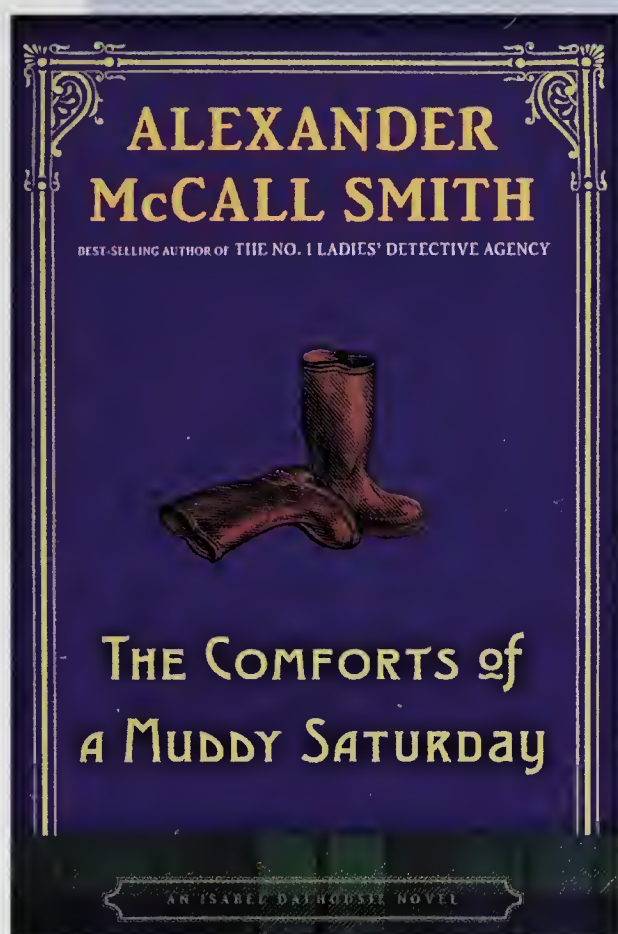


Auctioneer Brian McCollum

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## Torrance Makes Fictional Appearance

President Iain Torrance is a character in Alexander McCall Smith's novel *The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday* (Pantheon, 2008). As Bob Hann (M.Div., 1968) noted, "Torrance writes a (fictional) critique of an article for the (fictional) *Review of Applied Ethics* on behalf of its (fictional) editor Isabel Dalhousie," the main character and sleuth of McCall Smith's Isabel Dalhousie series. Alexander McCall Smith is an alumnus of the University of Edinburgh, where he and Torrance were contemporaries and became lifelong friends. Torrance also appeared in another book by McCall Smith, this time as the (actual) moderator of the Church of Scotland. Smith frequently mentions real people and places in his novels.

## Fun Fact

Class of 1958 graduate Tom Fisher remembers an April Fool's Day in 1958 during Holy Week when seminarians woke to find the campus intriguingly transformed. There was a Volkswagen "bug" in Stuart Hall, a sturdy stone "altar" in front of the Administration Building, pink "Parking Permitted" signs painted over the "No Parking" signs on the quad, and a clapperless bell not ringing the change of classes. Word has it that the VW, once owned by Professor Elmer Homrighausen, still sits in the driveway of Elmer Hargis, Class of 1964, who bought the car from Mrs. Homrighausen to drive back and forth to class. We don't know if it still runs!

## 2008 Alumna Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

Princeton Seminary alumna Han-luen Kantzer Komline (M.Div., 2008) has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Tübingen, Germany, for the 2008–2009 academic year. She joins rank with four other PTS graduates honored with Fulbright grants in the past ten years. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. "One of the highest academic awards available to graduates of institutions of higher education in the United States is the Fulbright award," said James H. Charlesworth, George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and chair of the Seminary's Fulbright Committee, which recommended Kantzer Komline for the scholarship.

Darrell Guder, dean of academic affairs, also serves on the Fulbright Committee at PTS. "Han-luen represents admirably the competent and motivated students who are well prepared as master's candidates at Princeton to move on to advanced studies," Guder said. "She entered the application process with a strong academic foundation, solid skills in German, excellent credentials as a researcher, and an articulate sense of Christian vocation to serve the church as a scholar."

Kantzer Komline describes her Fulbright work as an exploration of how Karl Barth's theological response to human limits in *Church Dogmatics* compares to Martin Heidegger's response to the finite human condition in *Being in Time*. She sees Heidegger as an "implicit dialogue partner" of Barth's in paragraph 47 of volume III.2, and is interested in understanding how Barth reconfigures Heidegger's conception of human temporality. Kantzer Komline's

goal is to produce an article-length essay in German on the topic. While at the University of Tübingen, she is taking two seminars on Heidegger (with Eilert Herms and Johannes Brachtendorf). She is also attending lectures on *Church Dogmatics* with Christoph Schwöbel, who is supervising her work.

As a student at PTS Kantzer Komline received many accolades, including the E.L. Wailes Memorial Prize in New Testament and the Archibald Alexander Hodge Prize in Systematic Theology (both awarded in May 2007). In 2008 she was awarded the Senior Fellowship in Theology. She served as co-general editor for the *Princeton Theological Review* from fall 2006–spring 2008.



David Komline and Han-luen Kantzer Komline in Tübingen, Germany

Han-luen is accompanied in Germany by her husband, David Komline (M.Div., 2008). David, who was awarded PTS's Senior Fellowship in History in 2008, is the recipient of a study scholarship through the German Academic Exchange Service. He is conducting independent research on the influence of David Friedrich Strauss on German theology and the theological climate of the city of Tübingen.

Han-luen and David earned their bachelor's degrees from Wheaton College in Illinois. On their return from Germany they will both begin doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame.



BY RUSSELL CARSTENS, HEATHER ROOTE FALLER, AND BARBARA A. CHAAPEL

**In October, alumni/ae returned to campus for Reunion 2008 and enjoyed the time to reconnect with classmates, hear lectures by Dean Darrell Guder, participate in continuing education on leadership in the church, honor Setri Nyomi as the Distinguished Alumnus, hear from President Torrance, and share memories of student days. We hope you will enjoy the photos from reunion and the comments of some of the participants, and will mark your calendars for the week of October 26–30 to join us for Reunion Week 2009 at Princeton Seminary!**

### Dean Darrell Guder Gives Rian Lectures

Alumni/ae filled Miller Chapel to hear the Rian Lectures, given during the reunion this year by Dean of Academic Affairs and Henry Winters Luce Professor of Missional Theology Darrell Guder.

In two lectures, Guder addressed the question of what missional leadership is. The question was developed by the Gospel and Our Culture Network (GOCN), a group formed in the 1990s that focuses “on the cultural research, theological reflection, and church renewal necessary for the recovery of the church’s missionary identity,”

according to its web site. The group asked, if we were to do theology of the church based on the assumption that mission defines the essence of the church, what would that mean for the church’s theology and leadership? The GOCN’s work led to a book, *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*, which Guder edited.

Since the publication of *Missional Church*, the term “missional” has become a cliché, Guder said in his lecture. And yet the meaning of the word is at the heart of the church’s work. “You ought not to be able to say ‘church’ without meaning ‘mission,’” said Guder. “‘Missional’ means to define the church in the language of mission.”

The challenges confronting missional leadership are inherited, said Guder. “Christendom gave us wealth, legal protection, political power, and cultural hegemony. It’s unsettling that [these are] ending. But the end is an opportunity to discover lenses that obscure our view of the gospel.” Guder noted that although the decline of Christendom has been a cause for anxiety, the church now is closer to the situation of the early church than it has been for centuries. “We can experience what it means to be under Jesus’ lordship when his lordship is mysterious and not publicly acknowledged,” he said.

Guder emphasized that the guideline for interpreting Christendom’s legacy is dialectical—that is, there are built-in tensions. “The missionary movement worked; Christianity is now a global movement,” he said. “At the same time, establishment meant making some compromises.”

Noting the ambiguity inherent in the church’s situation and the diversity of models for leadership, Guder wondered how the Spirit might work in the church of today, and what obstacles the Spirit might encounter. He named as obstacles ecclesiastical maintenance, certain polity structures that limit the creativity of the Spirit, and captivity to schedules.

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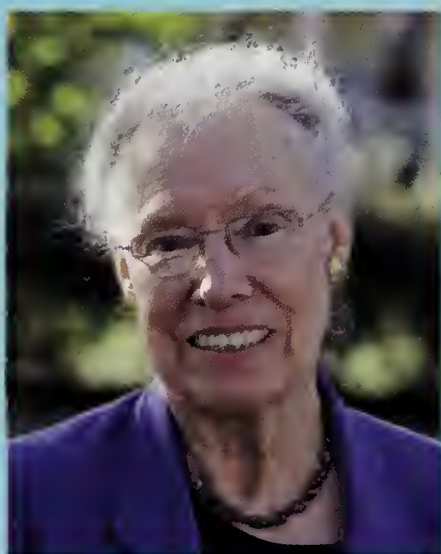
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## Virginia Thorne Attends Reunion to Remember Her Husband's Days as a Student

Virginia Thorne is the wife of the late Thomas Laurence Thorne Jr., Class of 1958. She attended what would have been her husband's fiftieth reunion with her son, Owen. Among her memories of her husband's days as a seminarian, she recalled that,



because of its central location, President John Mackay housed the couple in Hodge Hall, as he wanted Thomas to be in the center of things, "because he was a leader."

Thomas Thorne had a weekend job at Newtown Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania, and participated in the Seminary choir tours organized by Dr. David Hugh Jones, whom Virginia called "a

noted musician eager to share music and Christianity with the world." In the summer of 1956 Thomas and the choir embarked on a two-month tour to Indiana, Missouri, and Texas, then went to Mexico and Guatemala. Virginia said, "Dates were added as they went along, to the point of exhaustion for everyone! They were unwilling to miss any opportunity." Although the conditions were usually "primitive," she said, "they were warmly welcomed by huge crowds." In 1957 the tour reached the Caribbean Islands. Class member David Prince was also a part of this tour.

One of Virginia Thorne's fondest memories of living on campus is hearing the music from Miller Chapel. "It was wonderful," she said, adding, "The singing was terrific."

Thorne, who lives in Wilmington, Delaware, has given letters that her late husband wrote to her while he was on tour with the choir to the Seminary archives. She also recently contributed toward a gift of an electric keyboard for the Seminary Touring Choir.

He also named the shape of ordered ministry as an obstacle to consider. As the church was established, particular people with particular functions became salvifically necessary. "The church's ordered ministry became a vendor of spiritual services," said Guder. "At the Reformation, the priest became a teacher, but the assumptions of the priesthood are still with us. Ordination still feels less like setting apart and more like elevating."

But what happens to ordered ministry if the church itself is a mission field? Guder argued that the calling of the community

precedes and shapes the calling of its leaders. "The vocation of the community is to be a witness," he said. "Everyone is a witness, and is always witnessing." And the formation of the community is about its interaction with the mission field. "The church is the people, not the building. It is a mission, it doesn't have or do mission. The direction of the church's life is toward being scattered and sent," he said.

To order audio CDs or audio downloads of Guder's Rian Lectures, email [media@ptsem.edu](mailto:media@ptsem.edu).





### Rhonda Myers Class of 1995

Rhonda Myers, Class of 1995 and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, New Jersey, returned to the Seminary for the second time since graduating, and enjoyed her day. She found Darrell Guder's lecture on the missionary work of the church insightful. "Dr. Guder's basic thrust seemed to be that, through the years of established Christianity, we have seen a movement away from mission as our very essence to mission as our function," summarized Myers. "As a result, he explained, Christianity has become a passive agency of religious thought. Guder believes the rescue of the church will come in large part from its leaders embracing the apostolic mission that is the church and embodying that mission in the world."

"What he had to say was very thought-provoking. He constructed it in a way that made sense to me, and I'll take it back home to think about and reflect on," said Myers, who also appreciated Craig Barnes's leadership forum on pastoral identity.

Myers's family has a history of earning theological degrees at Princeton Seminary. She's the fourth in her family to attend. With a laugh, she said, "When I finally realized that God was calling me to the ministry, I told my family. My brother-in-law told me he'd disown me if I didn't come to Princeton, because he knew I'd get the best education and the best grounding for pastoral ministry here."



### Patricia Budd Kepler Class of 1958

Patricia Budd Kepler, Class of 1958, was one of the Seminary's first female graduates. Now a retired pastor in Arlington, Massachusetts, she said, "Reunion has been a very emotional time. Coming back for my fiftieth somehow inspires memories in a way that being here on other occasions didn't. Just reliving being here is very exciting. Making connections is the big thing."

In addition to getting her theological education at Princeton, Kepler also discovered new interests and met new people. "I was a business major in college and fell in love with theology here. This is where I found myself. I've stayed in love with theology." With a laugh, she added, "This is also where I found my husband." Her husband, Tom, also a member of the Class of 1958, attended the reunion with her.

Kepler was a pastor in Manalapan, New Jersey, executive secretary of the Women's Department of the Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia (an agency of the former United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America), director of ministry studies at Harvard Divinity School, and pastor of Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church in West Somerville, Massachusetts.



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# On Our 25th Reunion

## Remarks from Patricia Daley to the Class of 1983

It was a treat to curl up with notebooks of alumni/ae reports from 1983, 1988, and 2003. As I read through the biographical information and remarks of our class members, I was struck by our diversity of place and call. We have served in congregations large and small, where we are stated supplies, interims, associates, and heads of staff. We are in hospitals as chaplains, and even [one] as a physician. We are in nursing home management and in the courts and on college campuses. We are writing books and Ph.D. theses, and, of course, reams of sermons. A few of us have found ourselves heading up seminaries or colleges or serving as executives of nonprofits. We have become attorneys and counselors. We are Presbyterians, of course, but also Mennonites and UCCs and Baptists and Episcopalians and Lutherans and Methodists and more. We've not only carried out our calls in the U.S., but also in Peru, Uruguay, Bolivia, Germany, India, and more. We are everywhere that God has called us since those student days in the 1980s.

I imagine a few of you have begun to look at the lectionary text for Sunday, October 26. Perhaps you are working on the gospel lesson, which is from Matthew 23. Jesus is speaking to the crowds about the religious instructors who have become carried away with the importance of their role and their titles:

"They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogue and to be treated with respect in the market places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi because you have *one* teacher and *you are all students*. Nor are you to be called instructors for you have *one* instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

What leapt out to me as I read this passage was the line, "you are all students." Today we have gathered here to recall, fondly, our student days of twenty-five years ago. We have moved on to acquire all kinds of titles: Reverend, Doctor, Professor. Yet Matthew reminds me that my student days are not over. Our student days are never over.

The fine teachers and the challenging courses that Princeton Theological Seminary made possible were a great gift to each of us. Our years at the Seminary were a mind-expanding continuing education on our path as forever students. So, as the writer of Matthew's gospel reminds us, we are all on a level playing field—whether we head up a university or serve as a stated supply in a struggling urban congregation, whether we are seminary faculty or supporting lay leadership. We are all students. We are all learners. We all have the same instructor, the same great teacher who continues to challenge our capacity to learn, to change, and to be transformed.

We've had some nice moments to catch up with friends in the past two days. We have remembered with some laughter and an occasional tear. We've done a bit of sharing of where we've been and what we have accomplished since the last reunion. However, as we look back on our life's course work so far, whatever we have given, whatever we have received, wherever we have served in these twenty-five years will not be graded by honors awarded or salaries earned. Rather, our lives will be enriched by our humility and gratitude for every opportunity and each experience as we continue to be learners who love and serve our one great teacher, our truest instructor, the triune God.

### Patricia Daley

Patricia Daley loved attending the reunion for her twenty-fifth anniversary. She said, "The day has been rich and full because of seeing good friends and appreciating the Rian Lectures." She recalled her initial and long-lasting excitement over her exposure to new ideas during her days as a Princeton student. She said, "I had three children and was working full time when I went to seminary. My fondest memory was sitting in the library and being so excited about what I was discovering and learning that I just wanted to yodel. I literally had to restrain myself, and I still feel that way. It was a very joyful time for me."



Daley is pastor to pastors and their families for the Presbytery of New Brunswick. She lives in Princeton.

## Overheard at Reunion

"It was wonderful to sing tenor next to an alto as we sang the Class of 1983 hymn, 'Called as Partners in Christ's Service,' together in harmony during the Friday luncheon."





### Head of WARC Honored as PTS Distinguished Alumnus

Setri Nyomi, general secretary of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), was honored as the Seminary's 2008 Distinguished Alumnus at the Gala Reunion Banquet on October 24. A native Ghanaian and the first African to head the body that brings together 75 million Reformed Christians in 107 countries, Nyomi received his doctorate in pastoral theology from PTS in 1991. He took the leadership position at WARC in 2000 after working at the All Africa Council of Churches in a number of executive capacities.

The award was presented by Neal Presa, PTS's newly elected alumni/ae trustee, who

difference in the world in different places." He said that Princeton Seminary had equipped him and many others for the challenges faced by the world today.

Among those challenges, Nyomi believes the "way the global economy is arranged" is among the greatest. He cited the Reformed Church in Ukraine, where under the influence of missionary partners who were also funders, the church's synod decided not to continue recognizing women's ordination, and eight women found themselves out of their ministries.

Nyomi also spoke of the role that tribal sentiments and insensitivity to diversity have played in the violence accompanying recent elections in Kenya and Zimbabwe. "In each case," he said, "the church was both at the heart of the problem as well as instrumental in helping find solutions."

He highlighted both Christians who have been the target for violent persecution in Orissa and other parts of India, and the ongoing targeting of Muslims, or people who look like Muslims, around the world for surveillance "in a climate of heightened feelings of insecurity."

It was in recognition of Nyomi's leadership in the ecumenical world church that Princeton Seminary honored him as its 2008 distinguished alumnus.

to theological education around the world." Princeton Seminary recently hosted the first global gathering of presidents and principals of Reformed theological seminaries for collaboration between schools, called together by WARC under Nyomi's leadership.

Nyomi thanked Princeton for its role in shaping the 214 member churches of WARC throughout WARC's 133-year history. PTS has produced three of WARC's past presidents (former PTS presidents John Mackay and James McCord, and professor emerita Jane Dempsey Douglass) and hosted WARC's General Council in 1954.

Nyomi recalled his own arrival in Princeton as a student in 1984. "One of the first things that struck me was a Barmen Declaration exhibition that was on display in Speer Library," he told the alumni/ae. "That was to mark fifty years after the historic declaration of the confessing church in Germany. I knew I was in the right place. An institution that could hold before the world the historic markers of a living church, faithful enough to God to stand up against evil, is one well placed to equip modern-day students to be prophetic agents of change. For me, PTS has lived up to that calling."

"An institution that makes it its business to develop effective leaders for our times is one of the signs of hope," he concluded.



was the convener of the Caribbean and North American Council of WARC in 2006–2008.

In an address to his fellow alumni/ae, Nyomi accepted the award "on behalf of the many others who have passed through these walls and corridors who are making a

The award witnessed to his "commitment to addressing issues of injustice in any form, and his understanding that Christians must value the sacredness of human life, human wholeness, and dignity for all people," and was given in "gratitude for his deep commitment

### David Prince Class of 1958

For David Prince, Class of 1958, his education at Princeton allowed him to view faith in a new light. Prince is honorably retired, but is now interim pastor at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. He said, "I came to seminary as a very conservative Christian from a conservative Presbyterian church in Philadelphia. Then-president John Mackay opened my eyes to a whole new aspect of faith, the social implications of faith, and working for inclusive causes, so Princeton was an eye-opener for me. He used the word 'community' often, and the idea of the church as a community of faith became very important to me."





## Richard Armstrong

### Class of 1958

Richard Armstrong, chairman of the Class of 1958's class gift project and emeritus professor of evangelism at PTS, celebrated his class's fiftieth anniversary at the reunion. He said, "Everyone is thrilled to be back. In some cases, we're reconnecting after having not seen each other for fifty years." The class had a good turnout at reunion: sixty-six class members and spouses of the original 120 in the class attended. "They came from England, Canada, and fifteen states," Armstrong said, "and every degree was represented. Twenty-nine who attended were over eighty years old, with our oldest being Charlie Munion, at eighty-eight. Memories were many. I have colleagues that I still admire and have deep affection for, and classmates that have done amazing things. And imagine how many sermons we have preached as a class!"

Armstrong highlighted fellow classmates Lloyd Hiler, who became a surgeon, Charles Hammond (not present), elected as moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and Sam Calian, former president of Pittsburgh Seminary. He pointed out that his class saw many changes during their seminary years. "Women came into ministry," he said, "as witnessed by Peg Howland and Pat Budd Kepler. I think Pat and her husband Tom were the first clergy couple.

"My heart goes out especially to all of our classmates who spent their ministry in smaller, struggling churches, with low visibility, some struggling financially, but faithful to God throughout their ministries."



## Aaron Gast

### Class of 1953

"I always look forward to coming back to the Seminary," said Aaron Gast, Class of 1953 and a retired pastor who lives in West Chester, Pennsylvania. "They were very defining years in my life, theologically as well as personally. I remember so many of the professors with great satisfaction." Last year Gast attended an appreciation night for Bill Beeners, now-deceased speech professor that taught generations of Princeton Seminary students. Gast said, "People like him, whose acumen and insight into personality and life enabled so many of us to express ourselves and reach what we could be, are invaluable to me." However, Gast's appreciation extends far beyond just one professor: "I go down this whole 'Hall of Fame' of people here who nurtured my life, enriched my spiritual experience, enlarged the boundaries of my thinking, and gave me an excellent foundation for my ministry." Gast was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown in Philadelphia for fifteen years and later CEO of the Presbyterian Church Foundation.



## Jake Kim

### Class of 1998

Since he graduated a decade ago, Jake Kim, member of the Class of 1998 and a class steward, has been a busy man. He's recently been working in ministry with the second- and third-generation Pan Asian American Congregation in Cleveland, Ohio. However, he spent the first nine years of his ministry serving Anglo congregations. "I think God sent me to those churches at first because there was a lot I needed to learn," he said. "What I learned with those congregations is helping me to work on new church development concepts." He calls his new position "very rewarding." His Cleveland congregation is about one-third non-Korean American, and includes an increasing number of young mixed couples, who "are looking for a place where they can feel comfortable culturally, so what we're trying to do is to be very sensitive multiculturally," Kim said.

One of Kim's goals is to reach out to the young people in his congregation. He said, "I wanted to take a missional approach to work with young people. My generation is hurting, it needs more leadership." When the Pan Asian American Church began, there were about fifteen people in worship. So far, his approach is paying off, with attendance growing to about seventy-five people at each service.

Kim worked to organize his class to give a gift to Princeton Seminary. He feels that each class should be organizing a gift ahead of time, so that "by the time we hit our fiftieth reunion, this will be no big deal."





### Craig Barnes and Susan Andrews Offer Leadership Forums at Reunion

As part of Reunion 2008's leadership forums, Dr. Craig Barnes (M.Div., 1981), pastor and head of staff of Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, professor of pastoral ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Princeton Seminary trustee, presented "The Pastor as Minor Poet," and "Poetry for the Unpoetic Congregation." Of the fifty alumni/ae in the room, Barnes was surprised and humbled to find both his former field education supervisor and his college pastor.

Barnes's lectures addressed the problem of pastoral identity. The culture may view pastors as therapists, CEOs of nonprofit organizations, or mystics, he said, while biblical metaphors for the pastor include shepherd, witness, prophet, and priest. Barnes offered the image of poet as another metaphor for the pastoral role.

The metaphor of pastor as poet balances an unevenness particular to the current North American context, Barnes said, where "our culture has taught us that our highest calling and aspiration is to be the best consumer we can be." In that context, pastors as poets "see the reality behind the reality," and therefore can speak to the subtexts of their parishioners' lives, he said, to the deeper spiritual needs that are often not articulated.

Like pastors, poets use the medium of words to name and to transform. "Words are not cheap to the poet," said Barnes. But the pastor is not "writing" on a blank slate. Extending the metaphor, Barnes described the scriptures and theologians as "major poets," and pastors as "minor poets." He was referring to T.S. Eliot's classification of major poets, those who address

the great questions and themes of a culture, and minor poets, those who interpret the major poets to particular readers. Eliot said that every culture needs minor poets, and to be a minor poet is not a lesser but a different calling.

Barnes cited fourth-century theologian Athanasius of Alexandria as a major poet. Athanasius's description of the nothingness out of which God has called human beings as creatures can help pastors, as minor poets, learn to speak into the nothingness of their parishioners' lives, Barnes said.

Part of the calling of the pastor as poet is to exegete people as well as scripture, Barnes added. "The pastor as poet will help people find the mystery in their lives."

Richard S. Hong, pastor of the Church at the Crossroads and the First Presbyterian Church in Englewood, New Jersey, Paige McRight (M.Div., 1971), executive presbyter of Central Florida Presbytery and member of the Alumni/ae Association Executive Council, and Neal

Presa (M.Div., 2004), pastor of Middlesex Presbyterian Church in Middlesex, New Jersey, and Princeton Seminary trustee, gave responses to Barnes's lectures.

Dr. Susan Andrews, executive presbyter of Hudson River Presbytery and former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, presented the second leadership forum at reunion.

She shared her thoughts on presbytery leadership, calling it "the most challenging form of ministry." Executive presbyters must deal with what she called "the underbelly" of the church, where one-third of congregations are struggling with small membership,



### Becky White Newgren Class of 2007

Becky White Newgren was one of the recent graduates to attend the alumni/ae reunion, as part of the Class of 2007. Originally from Illinois, White Newgren is currently working at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, about ten miles outside of Philadelphia. She's in the second year of a two-year pastoral residency program designed for first-year pastors, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

White Newgren was ordained to this position as her first call as a pastor. She said, "I'm rotating around the church. Instead of being stuck in one place, I've had my hand in a lot of different areas to gain the experience I need to go forward. I've enjoyed working closely with all of our worship services. Because our two main worship services are identical, I was charged with leading a group of people to research and implement a new and different service." Along with her general pastoral responsibilities, she's been leading the deacons, encouraging faithful wedding practices, and participating in outreach, organization, education, and congregational life.

White Newgren is also working with Broad Street Ministries ([www.broadstreetministry.org](http://www.broadstreetministry.org)), a Christian faith community in downtown

### Overheard at Reunion

*"What I like best is singing together in Miller Chapel. There is nowhere else where the singing in worship is so wonderful!"*





misconduct, and low attendance.

Referring to McGregor Burns's theory and value system, Andrews explained that one of the main purposes of the church is to glorify and enjoy God, while inspiring faithful living. Andrews spoke of Moses as a shamanistic leader whose role as visionary, wise ruler, and advocate made him the archetype of transformational leadership. Although he was a "stubborn, hot-tempered shaman," he led people to God's vision through perseverance and purpose, Andrews posited.

Along with Moses and Aaron, Andrews also cited Miriam, Moses' older sister, who was the first woman in the Hebrew scriptures to be called a prophet. Together they formed "a collaborative team to lead the people into the presence of the holy. Christians can mirror the work of this team in everyday challenges within the church and their personal lives," she said.

Andrews told a story of a church whose community was changing and struggling, and how their transformation reflected Moses' journey and his personal qualities. After several failed attempts at figuring out a way to solve their problems, they rid themselves of anxiety about the future, prayed, studied the Bible, and read and studied together N. Graham Standish's book *Becoming a Blessed Church*. Following this, spiritual discernment emerged at their meetings, with intense prayer and discipline, "where God took that which is dead and resurrected it into something brand new." Andrews labeled this a "shamanistic moment," because in the middle of a sad situation, "the holy was

mediated, and there was joy and hope."

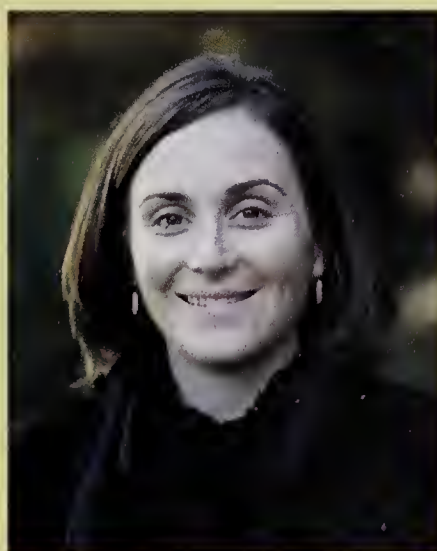
Andrews admitted that at times it has been difficult to stay in touch with her own "shamanistic calling" during her thirty-two years of ministry. She said, "The mystery of a 'transforming God' seems very far away in facing problems like low church attendance," which was met with a laugh from her audience.

Although Moses never made it to the destination he headed for, in death he reached God's kingdom, and kept God's vision and message his focus during his life's mission, which is part of the duty of Christians. In the end, Andrews said, "It's not all up to us. When it comes to power, those who possess it must do so like Moses did, and act as God's channel, wisely and appropriately."

AAEC members Rich Kannwischer (M.Div., 1998), pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas, and Sara Batson (M.Div., 1995), vicar of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, were respondents to Andrews's presentation.



Philadelphia, where there are plans to build a house for seminary students to live in while they work in a Seminarian Immersion Program in the city while discerning their call to ministry. She explained, "This way the students aren't divided between Princeton and Philadelphia. They can really be where the ministry is taking place." She will guide and support the students in their journey. She said, "The overall goal is that this is an intensive way for students to get experience in a church that's doing new and creative things." Currently in the works, the program for seminarians is expected to begin in summer or fall 2009.



White Newgren feels that her education at Princeton left her fully prepared for her current work. She said, "I feel like I've been grounded theologically in the Presbyterian Church and am now able to serve the congregation and the people I work with."

## Overheard at Reunion

"I didn't recognize my fellow graduate and friend by sight, but as soon as I heard him speak, I knew him immediately!"





### Peggy Howland Class of 1958

Peggy Howland is proud to be the twelfth woman to be ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church. In her estimation, she may be “the longest serving woman in the ministry from Princeton Seminary.”

Now retired in Yonkers, New York, she was the first female pastor of Woodside Presbyterian Church in Troy, New York, and also served as pastor of Nauraushaun Presbyterian Church in Pearl River, New York, and of South Presbyterian Church in Yonkers.

Reflecting on her student days at Princeton, she said, “There were very few [ordained] women in those early years. It wasn’t until the 1980s that there were more. When I started here, it was ten years before women’s liberation, and in those days, when people said things that were rude and crude, you just had to smile and say, ‘Well, you’re entitled to your opinion.’”

While earning her bachelor’s degree at the University of Pennsylvania, Howland studied Greek and Hebrew. During her advanced class in Hebrew narrative reading (her first class at Princeton), she worked hard at pronunciation, so that she could read the language out loud proficiently. She recalled an instance when

her Hebrew professor had students translate a verse. She said, “The other students were having trouble, and when I said my translation, my classmates’ jaws dropped.”

She recalled with a laugh how the next night in Miller Chapel, Dr. Henry Snyder Gehman, head of the Old Testament Department, approached her and said, “I heard you read Hebrew like a whiz!”

The Sunday before October’s reunion, Howland celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her ordination. She explained the rise of women in ministry with a metaphor: “I said I was a drop of water, and there were a number of drops of water back then, but very powerful drops. We broke a log jam, and we’re here to celebrate a river that those drops of water started. It was a celebration of ministry. I’m always amazed at what women ministers are doing today. They’ve brought a creativity and innovation to the ministry that’s just been marvelous.”



### Class of 1958 Giving and Receiving

As its fifty-year class gift to the Seminary, the Class of 1958 established the Class of 1958 Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund, in memory of deceased classmates. To date, more than \$44,000 in cash and pledges has been raised. The class chose to endow a scholarship fund to lighten the financial burden of students as they gain skills to be leaders for the church. Class member Richard S. Armstrong presented the check to President Torrance at the Reunion Gala Banquet.

Class members also had occasion for a more informal gathering at their class dinner on October 23. There they were entertained by eight members of the former all-male Touring Choir who sang three pieces arranged by their Seminary choir director David Hugh Jones. Class member David Prince found the music, contacted seven fellow classmates, held a practice session, and accompanied the choir on piano. The octet included Prince, Tom Fisher, Tom Nissley, Russ Proffitt, Lloyd Hiler, Jim Darroch, Tom Kepler, and Alick Kennedy.

The Class of 1958 also elected by acclamation Virginia Thorne (wife of deceased class member Thomas Thorne) and PTS speech professor emeritus William Brower honorary members of the class.





## From Richard Kannwisher—President of the Alumni/ae Association Executive Council

This year's reunion was particularly meaningful for Richard Kannwisher (M.Div., 1998), pastor and head of staff of the First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, Texas, and president of the AAEC. It was his tenth anniversary. "My experience of coming to reunion was great, to be back on the campus, to come back to the place where God through a special community nurtured my call," he said. It was also the tenth anniversary of meeting his wife, Kelly Beckham Kannwisher (M.Div., 1999). "One thing I always do when I come back to campus is to sit in the pew at the Princeton University Chapel where I proposed to my wife," he said, adding with a smile that when the two became a couple, "I was on the board of the Theological Students' Fellowship and she was head of the Women's Center, so everyone thought the seventh seal had broken in Revelation." Kelly is a church stewardship consultant for Dallas-based Viscern, and the couple has two daughters.

At reunion 2008 Kannwisher enjoyed sharing stories with classmates and hearing "what God's done in their life in the last decade—and sitting in a tent in Ellen Charry's yard and laughing out loud about the ridiculous things that happened to us while we were at seminary," he said. One highlight was singing with fellow alumni/ae. "There's nothing like the sound of the singing of the great hymns of our faith in Princeton Seminary's chapel. There's a depth of conviction and enthusiasm in singing to the Lord in that place," he said.

The other highlight for Kannwisher was the learning and spiritual enrichment that reunion offered in the Rian Lectures and the leadership forums. That focus on education is set to expand in reunions to come. As president of the AAEC, Kannwisher said that "the big shift that's happened is to couple reunion with a higher level of education." The AAEC is "thinking strategically about what people want to hear and learn, what can we bring to the campus, that would inspire people for their ministry," he said.

"We hope to expand reunion so for those who want to go deeper, we would have more intensive time with faculty," said Kannwisher. The continuing education element will make next year's reunion a full week, October 26–30. For more information about Reunion 2009 as it develops, visit the alumni/ae page of the Seminary web site at [www.ptsem.edu](http://www.ptsem.edu).

The alumni/ae have an essential role in the life of the Seminary, Kannwisher said. "Part of our challenge is to make sure we keep close ties between the school that means so much and the church that the school is called to serve. The more involved alumni/ae are, in their encouragement, generosity, and relational connection to faculty...the stronger the Seminary will be," he said. He urged alumni/ae to "keep the relationships going forward," to stay connected to current faculty and administrators, pray for the school, stay informed by reading the publications and the web site—and to come back to campus for Reunion 2009.



## Overheard at Reunion

*"We love coming back here. It's like coming home, and seeing everyone is like seeing family."*



## Larry Dixon Class of 1973

Larry Dixon, steward for the Class of 1973 and pastor of Mt. Teman African Methodist Episcopal Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey, reflected on the influence of global issues during his student days at Princeton. He said, "When I was here in the 1970s, it was an exciting time for me. A lot was going on with the world." One memory that stands out is when he and classmates had to help persuade the Board of Trustees to divest in companies that were supporting the Vietnam War: "They were having a problem doing that, so at their meeting, a few of us brought a chain lock to lock them inside until they saw things our way."

He added, "The reunion is an opportunity for me to reconnect with the Seminary. As I look back at my Seminary days, I can say that I'm glad 'I came this way.' I met some good professors. I liked our president, Dr. McCord, and feel that the Seminary's current president, Dr. Torrance, has the same faith."





# Talking Together in the Seminary Hosts Scriptural

BY BARBARA A. CHAAPEL

In the first chapter of Isaiah, God issues a call to Israel and Judah: "Come, let us reason together." Though used in a specific context in Isaiah, the words themselves hold promise for conversation today between all who would talk respectfully and reasonably about difference.

Scriptural reasoning is one such promising conversation. It is a practice of study that invites Muslims, Jews, and Christians to sit around a common table and engage in reading, study, discussion, and inquiry about their scriptural traditions. An evolving practice of scripture study, it began in 1996 when Jewish scholar Peter Ochs of the University of Virginia, and Christian scholar David Ford of Cambridge University formed the Scriptural Reasoning Society. Both men, and Islamic scholar Aref Ali Nayed, spoke about scriptural reasoning as part of PTS President Iain Torrance's inauguration in March 2005. Torrance had chosen "Faith in the Third Millennium: Reading Scripture Together" as the inauguration's theme, emphasizing his intentional placement of scripture, meaning the sacred texts of the three Abrahamic faiths, at the center of the celebration.

Last July, Ochs returned to the PTS campus where he, along with William Taylor, researcher at the Grubb Institute in London, and Rumea Ahmed, assistant professor at Colgate University and formerly the first Muslim chaplain at Brown University, convened and led a week-long scriptural reasoning workshop hosted by Princeton Seminary, the first such workshop in the northeastern United States.

Providing a venue for scriptural reasoning is important. The meeting place—in this case the Erdman Conference Center—is

likened to the biblical *mishkan* or "tent of meeting." With the generous support of the F.I.S.H. Foundation, founded by Dorothy Hanle and led by the Reverend Dr. Kathy Nelson (M.Div., 1980) and committed to promoting interfaith understanding, Princeton Seminary provided the "tent" and ensured a hospitable environment for all participants.

After sitting together in this symbolic tent of meeting, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim workshop participants gathered separately according to their respective faiths, each to discuss the same texts selected from Deuteronomy, the Gospel of Mark, and the Qur'an. They then reassembled to share their discussions.

Dr. Gordon Mikoski, assistant professor of Christian education and one of the Christian participants, described the progression of the workshop. First, in the step called "textual reasoning," practitioners of each faith read and shared, within their own faith group, their understanding of an assigned, particular text from the point of view of their faith tradition. The next step was more challenging: the Christians engaged in textual reasoning with the Muslims and Jews observing, and attempted to give their explanation of their own text to the observers, who could ask questions or offer insights.

The next step, specifically called scriptural reasoning, began with each group comparing and contrasting portions of its own text with corresponding texts from the others' scriptures as they were juxtaposed. Finally, the participants read the texts of the others as if "owning the scripture," treating all three texts as scripture for them.

The process does not exclude controversy, Taylor explained. "You might think we need to avoid the source of various faith controversies, but in a way scriptural reasoning is counterintuitive. It goes to the text." Ahmed agreed. "Scriptural reasoning moves beyond the simple platitudes that we often content ourselves with in interfaith conversation. It takes into account not only our similarities but also our deep-seated differences, and celebrates them, so that we can understand our own traditions better and live together in more harmony."

Mikoski explained what happened for him: "I found that I had brought assumptions in reading the Deuteronomy text about the law from a Christian ethos. My observation as a Calvinist was that following the law is primarily an expression of gratitude and a guide for our freedom. However, the Jewish participants took exception, and argued that it is by obeying and following the law that we encounter God." For Mikoski, the progression of the conversation from textual



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# Tent of Abraham

## Reasoning Workshop

to scriptural reasoning “was akin to *tikkun olam* ‘repair of the world,’ whereby the world is actually changed and healed.”

For Ochs, scriptural reasoning has come after years of more tentative and cautious forms of interfaith dialogue. “We’ve talked about liking each other and learning each others’ rituals and customs, and we’ve worked for civil rights together, and that was all foundational,” he explained. “Now we think we’re ready for something deeper, even eschatological. We want to talk about one another’s most profound beliefs as they are displayed in that most intimate source, our scripture.”

Ochs has experienced this deeper, eschatological hope offered by scriptural reasoning. Several years ago he spent a summer in Cape Town, South Africa, giving lectures about the practice. He described his experience: “After much effort, we were able to convince four Orthodox Jewish rabbis, four Shiite imams, and four Dutch Reformed ministers, each of whom loved his tradition, to spend four hours together in the Cape Town Holocaust Museum. It was very difficult to gather this company, but because we had talked together about our scriptures, it was one of the most intense, engaged, and jocular exchanges I’ve seen, and this among basically enemies.”

Although the practice of scriptural reasoning was originally introduced in academic institutions, it is now also being developed as a civic practice for community faith leaders and has been proposed as a model for political discourse. Thus, pastors were included in the workshop. However, it is not a practice that one can master immediately. “Because it is a practice, we have found that really the only way to get a sense of scriptural reasoning is by doing it, preferably with others who have been doing it for a while,” Taylor said.

In 2007, Christians received the Muslim letter, “A Common Word Between Us and You,” and

a reply was composed at Yale Divinity School’s Center for Faith and Culture. The response was called “Loving God and Neighbor Together: A Christian Response to A Common Word Between Us and You.” Both documents make a plea for peaceful dialogue and interfaith study, acknowledging that love of God and love of neighbor are commandments found in each of the three Abrahamic religions. Both documents also cite the alarming truth that the future of the world is dependent upon peace and understanding among these religions. President Torrance and many PTS faculty members responded by adding their signatures to the Yale document. The scriptural reasoning workshop on the campus is an added response, a seed to encourage greater ecumenical understanding.

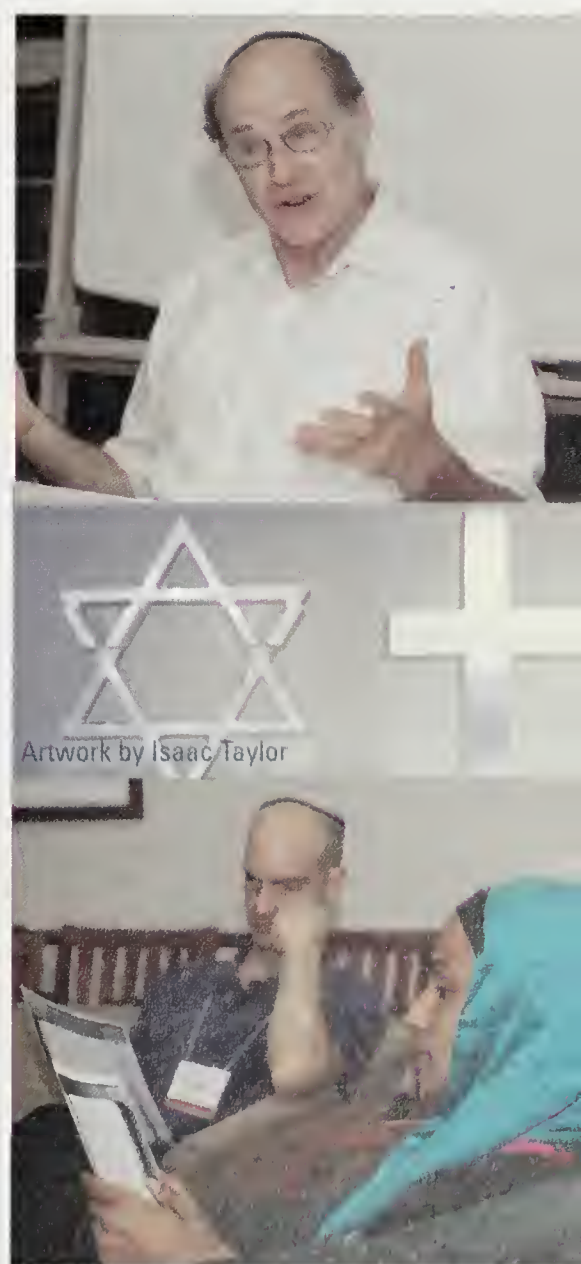
Perhaps the most genuine result is friendship. At President Torrance’s inauguration, David Ford said: “What happens at best in such sessions is close engagement with each other’s texts in a spirit simultaneously of academic study, of being true to one’s own convictions and community, and of truth-seeking and peace-seeking conversation wherever that might lead. It does not usually lead to consensus—the differences between us often emerge more sharply, and at these points there is often a deepening awareness of the meaning of one’s own faith. It does often lead to friendship.”

Friendship between the scriptural reasoning initiative and Princeton Seminary is certainly flowering. Rumeel Ahmed believes the role of host is the most important. “The host is central in providing a safe, neutral space where there’s ample hospitality for the participants,” he said. “We have felt at home at Princeton Seminary, and when you feel at home you’re able to open up and feel comfortable about exploring the text and knowing one another as brothers and sisters within the Tent of Abraham.” ✱

For information on scriptural reasoning, go to <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/jsrforum/>

To read the addresses from President Torrance’s inauguration, go to <http://www.ptsem.edu/inaugural/events/inauguration.php>

For more information about the F.I.S.H. Foundation, go to <http://fishhealing.com>



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# Spirit Moves in Multicultural Ways

## Becoming a Church of All Nations

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

In 1999 Jin S. Kim (M.Div., 1993) was working in a Korean church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His job was English ministry—ministry in English to the children of the church's founding Korean immigrants. Many of these young adult children were born in the United States and were culturally, and linguistically, different from their parents; his call was essentially to minister to Korean Americans.

But the Spirit moves where it will, and Kim soon found that his English ministry for Korean Americans included non-Koreans, many of whom were white parents with adopted Korean children. Both the white parents and their adopted Korean children were culturally different from the second-generation Korean Americans originally part of his ministry. When they were joined by a Liberian man, a third-generation Presbyterian who took a bus and walked a mile and a half to the church because it was the nearest one to where he lived (never mind that the sign clearly said "Korean Presbyterian Church"), Kim knew he was entering new territory.

As Kim asked himself what it meant for him to be a pastor to second-generation Korean Americans, Euro-American parents, their Korean adopted children, and a Liberian man, he realized he could no more justify Koreans ministering only to Koreans than he could whites ministering only to whites. He wanted everyone to feel welcome in his congregation, but welcome to what? he asked himself. In the case of Kim's church, welcome to become part of the dominant Korean culture of the mother church? What about the Korean adoptee children, who felt neither Korean enough for the Korean mother church, nor white enough for the white church?

Kim began to believe that the gospel was captive to the culture of his Korean church, just as much as it was captive to the white American church, where everyone was welcome, but welcome to "become white," he says. "Once I realized this in the Korean context, it was a small leap [to the truth] that every nation and every culture is deeply pathological, and the gospel is powerless in almost all cultures, because empires and nations co-opt it. The question was how not to be co-opted by our cultures of origin," says Kim.

For Kim, answering that question began with becoming a church that is neither Korean nor white, and that is both. It is also African American, Latina/o, and Native American. The Church of All Nations (CAN), which was founded in 2004 and which Kim now copastors with colleagues from Brazil, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Sudan, and the United States, represents all five minority groups recognized by the PCUSA (African American, Asian American, Latina/o, Native American, Middle Eastern American), and twenty-five nationalities.



Photo: Jin S. Kim

But Kim's goal is not to have a church with an "apple, an orange, and an Oreo," he says, "meaning yellow, red, or black on the outside but white on the inside. We're not interested in drawing co-opted minorities or in sociological fads, we're interested in reconciliation."

Reconciliation doesn't come cheap. It requires "taking our divisions seriously," says Kim. In the process of becoming a church of all nations, the congregation "didn't sweep anything under the rug." While conflict was necessary to the process of becoming a multicultural church, division was not. Kim spent years "wrestling with the mother church to get her formal blessing," finally renting space at a local Presbyterian church that had been told to "die gracefully," he says. But the young Korean congregation did not join the white church and thereby "save" it; instead, the white church dissolved, and its members became members of a new church, the Church of All Nations. The church now has 250 members and is 37 percent white, 20 percent African American, 32 percent Asian American, and 10 percent Latina/o. In 2000 the city of Minneapolis was 65 percent white, 18 percent African American, 6 percent Asian American, and 7 percent Latina/o, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

And how do people of all nations worship together? For Kim, different languages and cultures are not a barrier, but a blessing. The vision of the Church of All Nations recalls Pentecost, when a "multicultural, multilingual, multinational gathering of people witnessed to the mighty acts of God," according to the church's vision statement. At Church of All Nations, worship includes a Swahili choir, a Korean choir, a West African choir, and a Brazilian praise team. One of the church's five principles is "an ecumenical expression of Christian worship rooted in the early church that is equally rational, sacramental, and pentecostal," according to the church's web site. "Even though [as Presbyterians] we're Calvinist Enlightenment rationalist, we're not bound by Calvin's European culture," Kim says. Raised hands, clapping hands, and folded hands are all welcome expressions of worship at CAN.



Jin S. Kim, pastor of Church of All Nations

Photo: Danny Bolin





Members of Church of All Nations at a picnic

Photo: Thao Giang

According to Kim, the multicultural church calls for not only new and renewed ways of doing worship but also new and renewed ways of doing theology: “The multicultural context is so complex, so demanding, so radical, that conventional theology and conventional leadership were utterly inadequate,” Kim says. The resulting theology defies easy categories. For example, Kim often critiques the “imperialism” of white culture in the language of liberationist theology, while at the same time he reclaims the phrase “born-again” from what he calls the “reductionist, truncated soteriology” of much of the evangelical movement. He says that CAN is committed “to sound biblical teaching, to genuine personal transformation,” language typically associated with the conservative right wing of the church; CAN is also committed to “sweeping social justice,” language typically associated with the liberal left wing. For Kim the liberals and conservatives are equally imperialistic, and left and right are not the issue; the gospel is. “The kingdom offers a truly alternate reality,” he says.

And as for many in his generation and in the emergent, post-denominational movement, for Kim worship should strive to reach deep, back to the early church, and wide, into the breadth of the ecumenical church, according to the church’s vision statement. The church is as diverse ecumenically as it is culturally, with members who are former Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Baptists, Evangelical Free—and those who identified as non- or post-denominational. Although CAN is Presbyterian, it is “penitently Presbyterian,” because Kim believes that denominationalism is a form of brokenness.

Taking one’s own brokenness seriously is standard operating procedure at CAN. The church is “committed to being honest, transparent, and vulnerable...” and to being “high-risk and low-anxiety,” lingo from Edwin H. Friedman’s standard *From Generation to Generation*. No one has to be “lower anxiety” than the pastors of this multicultural church, and that includes taking the risk of finding different ways to lead. How do Kim and his fellow pastors enable their congregants to live out their calling to be a truly multicultural church? “I say the two most dangerous words in the English language—Follow me,” says Kim. “When I fail you and betray you I will confess honestly, repent honestly, heal honestly, and reconcile honestly. The way I fail and the way I reconcile is going to be a model for you in all of your sin and failure.”

Being multicultural means taking oneself and one’s failings seriously in light of the gospel, but it also means taking oneself less

## Seminary Institute for Multicultural Ministry

In July, nineteen pastors, church members, and theological students met at the Erdman Center of Continuing Education for the Institute for Multicultural Ministry. The institute used lectures and large- and small-group discussions to explore how to be the church in a post-modern, post-ideological, post-denominational, multicultural world, and was offered by the Erdman Center of Continuing Education in collaboration with The Hispanic Leadership Program.

Jin S. Kim was the primary instructor at the institute. He taught with Luis A. Carlo, associate dean and professor of urban ministries at Alliance Theological Seminary in New York, and Gabriel A. Salguero, director of the Hispanic Leadership Program at Princeton Seminary.

The program received the highest marks from participants, who valued the opportunity for interaction and dialogue as well as the content of the program. Topics included communication in a multicultural world, tribalism and how to work with it in congregations, the meaning of pastoral leadership in a multicultural church, the early church and multiculturalism, the ministry of reconciliation, and multicultural theology, ecclesiology, and preaching.

“Continuing education is committed to congregational vitality and supporting leaders in ministry,” says Raymond Bonwell, director of programs at the Seminary’s Erdman Center of Continuing Education. “In light of needs of the church in the third millennium, this program was a natural fit.”

seriously. Dana Caraway (M.Div., 2006), pastoral intern, noted that whether worshippers come early or late, or pray loudly or silently, “We love each other. It doesn’t have to always be the way I want it to be.” For her, being “multicultural means submission. Even though you don’t want to give up [your own way], you do, because you love your brother.”

Ultimately being a multicultural church is not about the cultures, but about the gospel. “I’m Korean and American...why would a Brazilian follow me? Not because they like Korean food, but because they see a genuine disciple,” Kim says. “I have an elite educational background. How will poor, uneducated people trust me? How will they connect with me? Not culturally. I have to be profoundly Christian.” For Kim what is required to be a multicultural church is as radical as the gospel itself. Being multicultural means being “deeply, proudly, and penitently who you are.”

For more information about the Church of All Nations, including a list of resources about being a multicultural church, visit [www.cando.org](http://www.cando.org). For more information about being a multicultural church from the PCUSA’s Office of Multicultural Ministries, visit [www.pcusa.org/multicultural/](http://www.pcusa.org/multicultural/). ✱





# Hispanic Theological Initiative

## A Community of Scholars

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

In 1999 Mayra Rivera Rivera had just transferred to a master's program in theological studies at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, from the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. With that move, she says, "I was no longer a Puerto Rican, I was a Latina," one of 45.5 million Hispanics in the United States as of 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Rivera says the Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) gave her a way of understanding her role as a theologian in the U.S., and her own identity as a Latina. "At HTI there is a sense of accountability," says Rivera. "We are welcomed to this community of scholars, but we also respond to this community, and that experience shapes us."

When a professor at Drew suggested she become an HTI fellow,

Rivera says she didn't realize what kind of community she was stepping into, one where "people doing their doctoral degrees were so willing to talk to me, to help me...[learn] how to survive in the academy. I remember writing an email when I got home expressing how fantastic the experience [of the summer workshop] was: I wasn't a lonely person trying to do this strange thing, but rather I was part of a broader community. It was transformative," she says.

HTI was created out of the need for such a community. It grew from a study of the situation of Latina/o scholarship by Justo L. González, then professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. In response to that study, The Pew Charitable Trusts provided a grant in 1996 to begin HTI at Emory. Daisy Machado, currently professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in New York, directed the program. With continued funding from Pew, in 1999 the program moved to Princeton Theological Seminary, directed by Zaida Maldonado-Pérez, now associate professor of church history and theology at Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida. The program's current director, Joanne Rodríguez (M.Div., 1999), came aboard in 2002.

In 2003 Lilly Endowment Inc. funded additional HTI scholarships, and the Board of Trustees of Princeton Seminary voted to take over operating costs of the program when Lilly and Pew funding ends. As of 2008 HTI had supported fifty-five fellows through their doctoral degrees, and thirty-nine more fellows are currently degree candidates. Of the fifty-five fellows who have their doctoral degrees, fifty-three are working and teaching in the academy. Rivera is one of these, now assistant professor of theology at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. She published her first book with Westminster John Knox Press in 2007, titled *The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God*.

In November 2008, sixteen theological schools joined Princeton Theological Seminary to create the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium (HTIC). Consortium schools help fund the mentoring, networking, and scholarship costs for their HTI scholars; the schools in the consortium were chosen because they had three or more students supported by HTI, but more schools are invited to join. "With the consortium, HTI now includes a collaborative entity, HTIC, where

### HTIC Member Schools

Brite Divinity School  
 Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
 The Catholic University of America  
 Claremont Graduate University  
 Claremont School of Theology  
 Drew University  
 Fuller Theological Seminary  
 Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary  
 Graduate Theological Union  
 Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver  
 Loyola University, Chicago  
 Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
 Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University  
 Princeton Theological Seminary  
 Union Theological Seminary, NYC  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Vanderbilt Divinity School



Ph.D.-granting institutions across the nation are coming together and partnering to find ways to better recruit, retain, and graduate Latina/o students in theological and religious studies, and also to better use the resources that are being produced by scholars graduated from HTI,” says Rodríguez.

The purpose of the HTI and HTIC remains to support Latina/o scholars in the fields of religion and theology, and to increase the number of Latina/o faculty in seminaries and universities. In creating HTI, González says that he wanted to “go beyond a scholarship program, and develop HTI into a system of support for students. The main thrust was creating community for them.” He says that support system has become the trademark of HTI.

For Hjamil Martínez-Vázquez, as for many Latina/o students, “the biggest obstacle [to advanced study] was money.” Martínez-Vázquez was in the first class of HTI fellows, and is currently teaching undergraduates as assistant professor of religion at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he will apply for tenure next year. He says he is the first Latino in his department.

Martínez-Vázquez adds, “Even beyond the money, the network aspect is most important, not only because you have contact with your peers, but because you have major contact with established scholars in the field.” That contact is essential, because in academia as in most professions, who you know can be as important as what you know. HTI provides students with networking funds, used to attend meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, to visit professors in their field, and to do research both in the U.S. and abroad.

Another key part of the HTI program is mentoring. Mentors are senior scholars who visit their student twice each year. Mentors even come to dissertation defenses. Such support isn’t only emotional; it’s also very practical. “Even if you’re in a school where you’re marginalized, the mentor will be an established scholar in the field who can vouch for the project that you want to do,” Martínez-Vázquez says.

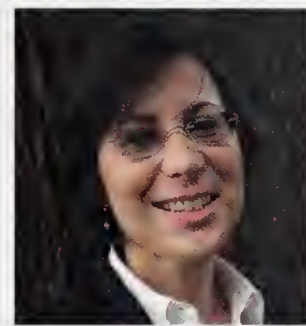
One of the goals of HTI is not only to produce Hispanic scholars, but also to create a body of Hispanic theological scholarship that will speak to the realities of Hispanic Christians. “One of the great insights of liberation theology is that theology...is informed by culture and society even when it is not aware that it is,” says Rivera. “The process [of theologizing] is contested and multiple, and we are also responsive as theologians to the [situations] our theology speaks to.” Martínez-Vázquez puts a finer point on his critique of much of academia: “There’s nothing wrong with writing things that make no sense to anyone,” he says, “but from the Latina/o perspective, most of the work [of HTI fellows] has been created with a purpose and a locality.” That emphasis on connecting theological scholarship to the lived experiences of local communities begins with the HTI application process, where prospective fellows must give evidence of their connection with and service to their faith group.

Though all HTI fellows belong in the racial-ethnic category of “Hispanic/Latino,” the HTI community itself is diverse, representing thirteen denominations, including Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant, and evangelical, and nineteen countries. Because of this diversity, says Rodríguez, “All of HTI’s work is done *en conjunto*, collaboratively.” And the Latina/o community extends beyond the

The HTI has published *Perspectivas*, a peer-reviewed journal, annually since 1998. It is distributed to 400 schools, including schools of theology, seminaries, and universities across the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

borders of Christianity.

Martínez-Vázquez’s current project is a book on Latina/o Muslims. “One of the things you learn by being in a community is that some members are not being included,” he says.



Mayra Rivera Rivera

Photo: Hilary Marckx



Hjamil Martínez-Vázquez

Photo: Texas Christian University

Meanwhile the HTI community continues to grow. At the annual summer workshop on Princeton Seminary’s campus in July 2008, twenty-one fellows gathered for four days of writing and research training, mentoring sessions, worship, and a lecture by 2008’s HTI Book Prize winner, the Reverend Dr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz. Gómez-Ruiz was a 1998–1999 Dissertation Year Fellow, and is vice president for academic affairs, director of intellectual formation, and professor of systematic studies at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. Gómez-Ruiz’s book is titled *Mozarabs, Hispanics, and the Cross*. The summer workshop is the heart of many fellows’ experience of HTI, an opportunity to share resources, experiment with new ideas, and learn about the field of Latina/o theological scholarship.

Graduates of HTI are so formed by the process that most seem compelled to pass their experience forward. HTI graduates often serve as mentors, lead workshops, or serve on the selection committee. “I get the HTI newsletter and know about the new students,” says Rivera, “and when possible I seek them out, just to have coffee and ask them how things are going. At the Graduate Theological Union we have two HTI fellows, and we meet once a semester.”

Although Association of Theological Schools (ATS) statistics suggest that Latinas/os make up 14 percent of the population of the United States, they represent just 3 percent of the faculty and students at ATS institutions. Executive Director of the Association of Theological Schools Daniel Aleshire is cochair with González of HTIC’s steering committee. “Dan is aware of the under-representation of Latina/o scholars in theological education, and thinks it’s a main agenda item to be addressed,” says González. He adds that while there is much to be done, much has been accomplished. “When I began teaching in the United States forty years ago, I was the only tenured professor in any Protestant Seminary who was Latino,” González says. “When HTI began, I could still count the number of Latina/o scholars. I can no longer count them.”

For more information about HTI, visit [www.htiprogram.org](http://www.htiprogram.org). ★



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Many alums have added their email addresses to the PTS web site. You can contact them using the online alumni/ae directory by choosing "Alumni/ae" from the home page and "Alumni/ae Directory" under Online Services. If you do not have the alumni/ae password for this section, please contact the Office of Alumni/ae Relations at alumni.relations@ptsem.edu or call 609.497.7756 for further assistance.

**1936 William Rambo (B)** was honored last April by the First Presbyterian Church of Northport, New York, for seventy-five years of service in his ministry.

**1944 Gordon S. Trew (B)** is "retired" and living in Brazil. He continues to teach at Caiuá Mission Bible Institute and the Faculdade Teológica Batista in Dourados. He is pictured below with fellow PTS alums who have also retired and are living in Brazil (from left to right), **Dick Irwin ('47B)**, **Floyd E. Grady ('44B, '58M)**, **Trew**, and **Olson Pemberton ('45B)**. ▽



**1948 Charles Brackbill (B)** writes that he has "happily survived colon cancer surgery," celebrated his 87th birthday last March, and is still president of the Old First Historic Trust.

Brackbill was also featured in a story that appeared in *The New York Times* about raising a new steeple over The First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth, New Jersey, part of a six-million-dollar restoration project he headed.

**1949 James Leo Garrett Jr. (M)** received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Baylor University in May 2008. His book, *Baptist Theology: A Four-Century Study, 1609–2009*, was published by Mercer University Press in January 2009.

**1950 George T. Brown (M)** has published a chapter, "Structures for a Changing Church," in *A History of Presbyterian Missions* (Geneva Press), edited by **Scott Sunquist ('90D)**.

**1954 Paul Pierson (B, '71D)** gave a paper in October 2007 at the meeting of the Asian Society of Missiology meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

In April 2008, he taught a Fuller Seminary extension course in Tokyo, and in May he lectured at the South American Theological Seminary in Londrina, Brazil.

**1957 Paul D. Clark (B)** writes, "After my first 'retirement' as pastor of the Congregational Church of the Messiah in Los Angeles, I moved to the Imperial Valley in California. I ended up serving two 'snowbird' congregations for ten years and serving as an instructor in

world religions at Imperial Valley College. In 2007 I moved to the Congregational Church. The happiest event took place when I entered my second 'retirement,' and I married Patricia Ann Kutney." The Clarks spent three months on the Island of Bali in Indonesia where he served as pastor of the Legian Church, an international, English-speaking congregation and a member of the Protestant Church of Bali.

**1959 Robert L. Kelley Jr. (M)** was recently elected as a trustee of Pittsburgh Seminary. He is the G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and Archaeology Emeritus at Pittsburgh.

**Al Saunders (B, '61M)** has published *The Reality and Ethics of Jesus* (Xlibris, 2008), a book that digs deeper into the life of Jesus to confront questions of faith and reality.

**1960 William Klassen (B)** has coauthored, with Walter Klaassen, a biography of Pilgram Marpeck, an early Anabaptist leader who was among the first to advocate for the separation of church and state. The book, *Marpeck: A Life of Dissent and Conformity*, shows how Marpeck was a leader in the development of the sixteenth-century Anabaptist community in urban Europe.

**1961 Bruce W.H. Urich (B)** reports that at age seventy-six he is enjoying the good life in Orlando, Florida. He was appointed dean of a new college, which he founded. Florida Christian University is

now seeking accreditation with Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. He remains its dean and a professor, and also teaches educational psychology at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale and is stated supply of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Orlando. He is also pastoral director of Bread of Life Fellowship, Inc., an organization that distributes 25,000 pounds of food a month at eight church sites and 100 other churches. "In the last two years I've lost seventy-five pounds and am now back to my junior high school weight!" ▽



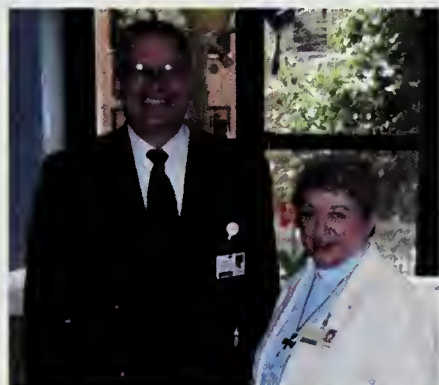
**1964 Ron White (B)** has published *A. Lincoln: A Biography* (Random House) and in January began a national book tour in Florida. He made PTS a tour stop on February 4. He writes, "The inauguration of Barack Obama as the forty-fourth president, and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial, mean the first months of 2009 offer special opportunities for reflection on the past and thoughtful conversations about the future."

**1965 Ellie Cowherd (B)** recently retired after more than nineteen years as pastoral care manager at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Burlington County, New Jersey. Instrumental in organizing the pastoral care department to provide services



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for patients, families, and staff, Cowherd also taught classes for Virtua employees. She will remain as a per diem chaplain, with **Wendy Boer ('73B)** taking on the interim role as pastoral care manager. ▽



**Ernest Williams (B)**, although retired, has become interim pastor of Forest Park Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson, Kansas.

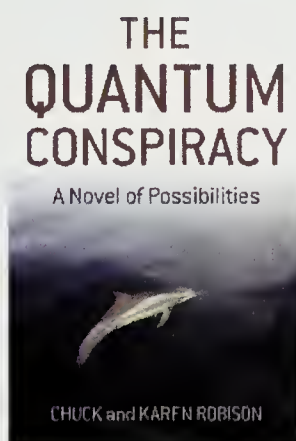
**1966 Ron Richardson (B)** has published his fifth book, *Becoming Your Best: A Self-help Guide for Thinking People* (Augsburg Press, 2008).

**1967 Norm Nelson (M)** spent portions of 2008 doing humanitarian and human rights work in North Korea, Cuba, Nepal, China, and Thailand. In Thailand, he interviewed "Father Joe" Meier, legendary priest who ministers to street children in "The Slaughterhouse" slum district of Bangkok, for his national radio show, "Compassion Radio." He lectured at the University of Southern California School of International Relations this past fall on the relationship between faith and humanitarian service. One month before his 70th birthday, he received his Ph.D. in theology. Plans for 2009 include work in Sudan (Darfur), Libya, Algeria, and Iran, where

he has made six previous trips. Someday, maybe, he'll retire... but don't count on it. ▽



In September, O Books in England published **Chuck Robison's (B)** novel *The Quantum Conspiracy*. The book describes Robison's spiritual experiences and teachers, his work as a chaplain at the Chuck Center at the United Nations, and his service in Telluride, Colorado, and features guests from his wife, Karen's, radio program, "What If It Really Works?" He and his wife were recently featured in Jon Spyde's book *How to Believe*, published by Random House. ▽



**1968 Charles A. Gilmore Jr.'s (B)** third grandchild and first grandson, Taaj Isayah Klausmeier, was born to his daughter and son-in-law, Lindsey and Damian Klausmeier, on September 10, 2008.

**Richard Killmer (B, '73M)**, executive director of the National Religious Campaign

Against Torture, was a panelist at Austin Seminary's President's Colloquium in September. He discussed with David Wofford, a former military judge who presided over 450 general and special courts-martial, the role of religious groups in combating torture in today's secular society.

**Joseph L. Roberts Jr. (M)** has joined the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary as the Wade P. Huie Professor of Preaching. The appointment is for a three-year term, during which he will provide leadership for the seminary's new Center for Preaching. Roberts is pastor emeritus of Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**1970 Charles M. Webster (B)** is interim pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, Connecticut.

**John O. Wiederholt (B, '82M)**, pastor of the First Presbyterian

Church of Collinsville, North Carolina, made the church's web site ([www.fpc-collinsville.org](http://www.fpc-collinsville.org)) an alternative for people who may not be able to come to church. The web site offers audio of complete worship services.

**1971 Gregg Meister (B)** has produced a DVD, *Israel: The Land of Promise and Conflict*, in which he hopes to convince other Christians to share his view that God gave Israel to the Jews and to join him in advocacy for the Jewish state. Meister is president of Interlink Media in Haddonfield, New Jersey.

**1972** Portraying Jonathan Edwards, **Jack Van Ens (B, '76M, '84P)** opened the annual Jonathan Edwards Society Conference in October at the Jonathan Edwards Church in Northampton, Massachusetts. He portrayed Thomas Jefferson as part of the 200th anniversary celebration of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New

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#### Key to Abbreviations:

Upper-case letters designate degrees earned at PTS:

M.Div.	B	M.A.T.S.	T
M.R.E.	E	D.Min.	P
M.A.	E	Th.D.	D
Th.M.	M	Ph.D.	D

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Special graduate student G

When an alumnus/a did not receive a degree, a lower-case letter corresponding to those above designates the course of study.



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York City in October. To listen to audioclips featuring Van Ens as Thomas Jefferson, visit [www.thelivinghistory.com](http://www.thelivinghistory.com).

**1973 Fred R. Anderson (B, '81P)** was the featured preacher for the third and fourth Sundays of Advent in December on Day 1, a nationally broadcast radio program also accessible by podcast at [www.day1.org](http://www.day1.org).

**Hugh A. MacKenzie (B, '87M)** retired from the military in November after twenty-seven years of distinguished service. His most recent assignment was as the deputy installation chaplain at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, and as the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School's primary chaplain.

**1974 Mark Lasser (B)** and his wife, Debbie, have written a new book, *The Seven Desires of Every Heart*, recently published by Zondervan.

**Robert Joe Lee (B, '81M)** retired in December after thirty-one years of service to the New Jersey judiciary. While there, he offered field education placements to several PTS students. He created the state's program for providing access to courts for persons with limited English proficiency and made New Jersey a leader in this field.

**1975 Doug Fletcher (D)** is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

**David Huffman (B)** celebrated his twenty-seventh year as

pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, in August. The church celebrated its forty-first anniversary in May. In June the music director and organist retired after twenty-seven years. Huffman writes, "I doubt that many Presbyterian churches have experienced concurrent twenty-seven-year tenures of pastor and music director. It was a long and happy relationship!"

**1976 Stephen Jacobs (B)** has been promoted to the position of assistant vice president for academic affairs at Regis University in Denver, Colorado. He celebrated his twentieth anniversary at Regis in November.

The Hispanic Center for Theological Studies in Chicago, Illinois, held its first-ever satellite classes in September. The first class, "History of the Church in Latin America and the U.S.," was taught by **Salatiel Palomino (M, '93D)**, an adjunct professor of theology at Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois, and pastor of a Hispanic congregation in Berwyn, Illinois.

**Glen Rainsley (B)** has joined New Hope for Women as their development director. New Hope for Women's programs include a twenty-four-hour crisis intervention hotline, an emergency shelter, support groups, court advocacy and legal services, transitional housing units, prevention and education programs in area schools and other community organizations, and a certified batterer intervention program.

**1977 Sandra Larson (B)** spent several months this past spring in the Reformed Church of France, Epernay-Reims, for the exchange of ideas and to provide pastoral assistance.

**James D. Miller** was recently elected as a trustee of Pittsburgh Seminary. He is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**1978** In March, **Richard Carriker (B)** was promoted to director of market risk analysis and capital at Wachovia Corporation, where he has been employed for twenty-six years.

**Guy W. Dunham (B)** was called as the executive director of the York County Council of Churches (YCCC) in August. YCCC has 140 member churches throughout York County, Pennsylvania, which, in 2006, was the fastest-growing metro area in the Northeast.

**1979 John M. Nelsen (B, '90P)** is pastor of University Presbyterian Church in El Paso, Texas.

**Julie Neraas (B)** has recently published *Apprenticed to Hope: A Sourcebook for Difficult Times* (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2009). She draws widely from poetry, theology, psychology, literature, and her own experience with chronic illness; but the book's main intent is to be a contribution to an understanding of the nature of hope.

**1980 George Cladis (B)** announces a \$1 million gift from

the Lanza Family Foundation of Scarsdale, New York, for the ministries to the poor of the New England Dream Center (NEDC) of Worcester, Massachusetts. Cladis is vice president of operations for NEDC, and executive operations officer for the multisite Liberty Churches of New England. He writes, "This is a wonderful gift from good friends—a gift enabling us to expand our work among 'the least among us.'"

**Brian Donley (M)** retired in June after twenty-eight years at John Wesley College in High Point, North Carolina. He served as the college's president for twenty-one years, and is most proud of "educating the community about the school, teaching students who went into the ministry, and building an excellent team of teachers and administrators." Donley hopes to teach online courses and fill in as a minister for Wesleyan churches in the district in his retirement. He also looks forward to pursuing his hobbies: building harps and working on hobby cars.

**Thomas G. Long (D)** spoke at Austin Seminary's annual midwinter lecture series in February. In the Thomas White Currie Lectures, Long looked at the seeming incompatibility of innocent suffering and the goodness of God. He is the Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

After twenty-seven years of active ministry, **Mary P. Roberts (B)** retired in July and moved to Florida. She hopes to spend



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time enjoying photography, quilting, and writing, and, when the opportunity arises, to be involved in missions.

**Diana M. Hagewood Smith (B)** has been appointed pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Springfield, Missouri.

**1981 Kirk Erwin (B, '86M)** is pastor of Harmony United Presbyterian Church in Harrisville, Pennsylvania.

**Lester Edwin J. Ruiz (B, '85D)**, vice president for academic affairs and academic dean at New York Theological Seminary, has been appointed to the staff of The Association of Theological Schools as director for accreditation and institutional evaluation.

**Barry Sweet (B)** was called in October as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bryan, Ohio.

**1982 Robert E. Davis (B)** was installed on October 19, 2008, as pastor of Draper Valley Presbyterian Church in Draper, Virginia.

**Michael J. Gorman's (B, '89D)** text, *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*, has been revised and expanded with a new chapter on theological interpretation. The book began life as seminar notes for Presbyterian M.Div. students at PTS who failed the exegesis ordination exam. Gorman's latest book on Paul, *Inhabiting the Cruciform God: Kenosis, Justification, and Theosis in Paul's Narrative*

*Soteriology*, will be released by Wm. B. Eerdmans in March. Gorman is a visiting professor at Duke Divinity School this spring.

**Gavin Kerr (B)** has been appointed president and chief executive officer of the Inglis Foundation, a Delaware Valley (Pennsylvania) nonprofit organization serving people with physical disabilities. ▽



**Bruce Kreutzer (E)** is now serving as director of international programs and professor at Gia Dinh University in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

**1983** After completing CPE, **Robert J. Cromwell (B)** has become a part-time chaplain with Three Rivers Hospice in the Kansas City, Missouri, area, while he continues as half-time installed pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church in Raytown, Missouri.

**Marvin McMickle (P)** taught two courses in preaching at Yale Divinity School in their winter 2009 semester. He also had three books released in the fall: *Shaping the Claim of the Sermon* (Fortress Press), *A Time to Speak: How Black Pastors Can Respond to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic* (Pilgrim Press), and

*Profiles in Black: Phat Facts for Kids on African American History* (Judson Press).

**Susan Nagle (B)** was installed in December as the new pastor of the Church of the Savior, a Lutheran congregation in Paramus, New Jersey. She has been a minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for twenty-four years.

Along with the publication of *On Being a Gay Parent* (Seabury Press, 2007), **Brett Webb-Mitchell (B)** is working with his nonprofit School of the Pilgrim, and is the interim pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Henderson, North Carolina.

**Renita J. Weems (B, '89D)** was the speaker in December at Southern University's fall commencement.

**Susan Wonderland (B)** was called as synod associate executive during the Synod of the Trinity's annual fall meeting in October in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

**1984 Bob Alper (P)**, a rabbi, costars in the "Laugh in Peace Tour" with Azhar Usman, a famous American Muslim comedian. Together, they perform at colleges, churches, synagogues, and theaters.

**Timothy Fearer (B)** preached at Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, in April. The title of his sermon was "Jesus and Islam," and he discussed questions relating to how Jesus is viewed by Muslims and explored

Christian and Islamic relations. Since 2004 Fearer has been a theological educator and leadership developer in western Turkey. He is based in Istanbul.

**Timothy C. Geoffrion (B)** has written *One Step at a Time: A Pilgrim's Guide to Spirit-Led Living* (Alban Publishing, 2008). The book is about his and his family's 2006 pilgrimage along el Camino de Santiago, a 500-mile pilgrimage route across northern Spain.

**Karen Green (B)** has been called as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Mexico, New York.

**John Groth (B, '96M)** retired from the U.S. Air Force in January, after serving for more than twenty-one years. He retires as a chaplain, a lieutenant colonel, and a disabled vet. He was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder "caused by my time working in Dover's mortuary," he writes.

"The 512th Airlift Wing did not let me slip quietly out the back door. There was a dinner and ceremony in February." Groth has started to transition back to being a civilian and working with Priority One Men's ministry. He plans to take a working sabbatical for two months, working on a book of talks he gives at men's retreats, and then to speak at retreats, dinners, breakfasts, and worship services, and would welcome invitations.

**Calvin Knowlton (B)** has been appointed to the board of



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trustees of Coriell Institute for Medical Research. He is the founder, CEO, and chairman of RevolutionCare, Inc., a Moorestown, New Jersey-based nurse practitioner, primary care service for seniors with chronic conditions who live at home or in a nursing home facility. He chaired the Department of Pharmacy Practice of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science from 1995 to 1997 and was associate professor of clinical pharmacy there from 1990 to 1997.

**Barbara Patton Rolph (B)** is editor of the newsletter for the National Association for Presbyterian Clergywomen. Articles, poems, or notes can be sent to her at [beprolph@msn.com](mailto:beprolph@msn.com).

**Cesar Lopez Sanchez (E)** has recently published two books: *The Juridical Unicorn: A Theology of Law, and Religion, Religions, and Sects: An Introduction to the Study of Religion*. Both volumes are written in Spanish, and are available from Lulu Publishers.

**1985** In July, **John Atkins (B)** accepted the call to be priest at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Wrightstown, Pennsylvania.

**Gayle D. Beebe (B)** has been elected to the board of directors of the United Way of Santa Barbara County, California. He is president of Westmont College.

**Deborah G. Brincivalli (B, '95P)** was installed as executive presbyter of the

Presbytery of West Jersey on September 16, 2008.

**Julie Ruth Harley (B)** has been named vice chairperson of the board of directors of Lifelink, a nonprofit human services provider based in Bensenville, Illinois. Harley has been a member of the Lifelink board since 2005. She is pastor of the First United Church in Oak Park, Illinois.

**Bruce Martin (M)** is the new minister of West Village Christian Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a retired navy chaplain who served navy and marine personnel for twenty-eight years.

**Richard E. Miller (B)** was recently called as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa.

**1986** In 1998, **Wayne A. Beatty (P)** had a terrible bicycle accident, which caused a lengthy coma and a traumatic brain injury, forcing him into incapacity leave from the ministry of the United Methodist Church.

In September, **Glen Hallead (B)** became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. He was previously based in Ghana, West Africa, and coordinated communications between Presbyterian churches in Niger, Nigeria, Ghana, and Sierra Leone and the PCUSA.

**Cleo E. "Jack" Jackson III (B)** became the director of the East Tennessee Extension Center of the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in September 2008. He is also senior pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lenoir City, Tennessee, where he has been for the last eight years.

**1987** **Peter S. Kim (B)** joined San Francisco Theological Seminary in September as the new director of alumni and church relations.

**Chris Momany (B)** has been named as the state director to lead the Michigan Not for Sale campaign against human trafficking. Momany is chaplain of Adrian College in Adrian, Michigan. ▽



After ten years as principal of Redcliffe College in Gloucester, England, **Simon Steer (B)** became principal of London School of Theology in September. He writes, "PTS alums would be most welcome to visit."

**Wu Fuya (M, '92d)** was installed on September 15, 2008, as president of Tainan Theological College and Seminary in Taiwan.

**1988** **Ann Fitzgerald Aichinger (B)** and her husband, **Frank ('78B)**, are co-organizing pastors of a new church

development in Conover, North Carolina.

**Anna Carter Florence (B, '00D)**, associate professor of preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary, has been named to the Peter Marshall Chair of Homiletics. She joined the seminary faculty in 1998.

**David Hunte (B)** has accepted the position of organizing pastor of a new church in Mullica Hill, New Jersey, for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**Carl R. Lammers (B)** is chief of information operations, J3 Operations Directorate, U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida.

**1989** **Donna Elia (B)** is executive director of the Troy Area United Ministries in Troy, New York. She organized the annual Crop Walk last May, with proceeds helping local organizations and national and international relief.

**William M. Hosking Jr. (E)** has received a call to serve the Ephraim Moravian Church in Ephraim, Wisconsin.

**Nancy A. Mikoski (B)** has been called by Pennington Presbyterian Church in Pennington, New Jersey, as the first female pastor in the church's 300-year history.

The First Baptist Community Development Corporation, a program of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey, of which **DeForest "Buster" Soaries Jr. (B, '93m)** is pastor,



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is helping the community by purchasing homes and leasing them back to homeowners. As of December, the Housing Assistance Recovery Program had closed on twenty-five homes. Their goal for 2009 is 2,000 homes. Besides helping people with their mortgages, the program also provides family and financial counseling.

**1990** In April, **Jerry M. Carter (B)** was the guest revivalist at "Paving New Ground with God's Word," a second-anniversary celebration of **Timothy Brown ('04B)** as pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

**Grafton T. Eliason (B)** is associate professor of counselor education at California University of Pennsylvania. He is also chaplain and director of the Spirituality Center at The Woodlands in Wexford, Pennsylvania, a camp for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses. He recently coedited *Existential and Spiritual Issues in Death Attitudes* (Lawrence Erlbaum Associates), and has written *Career Development in the Schools* (Info Age Publishing), published in October. Grafton continues to work with Children and Youth Services as a therapist and is beginning a nonprofit called Counselors across Cultures to work with women and children in third world nations. He can be contacted at [graftoneliason@msn.com](mailto:graftoneliason@msn.com) or 862.266.4021.

**Lalsangkima Pachuau (M, '98D)** has been appointed director of postgraduate studies at Asbury

Theological Seminary. He also serves at Asbury as associate professor of the history and theology of mission. ▽



**1991 Chris Berg (B)** recently founded a nonprofit focused on giving and receiving over the Internet ([www.smallworks.org](http://www.smallworks.org)). Two PTS classmates are on the board of directors, **Keith Reed ('92B)** and **Grafton Eliason ('90B)**. Berg writes that the service is still in pilot; "however, we have committed partners and lots of support." He would "love to share more about what we're doing with outreach and technology with the rest of the PTS family."

**Carol Antablin Miles (B, '00D)**, associate professor of preaching at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, has had a sermon titled "What's for Dinner" published in *Those Preaching Women: A Multicultural Collection* (Judson Press, 2008). Released in June, the book features the sermons of thirty-three ethnically and denominationally diverse women from across the nation.

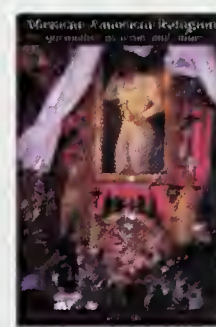
**Richard Rawls (B)** is associate professor of history at Georgia Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

**David Spaulding (B)** received his Ph.D. in New Testament from McGill University in

November 2007. His dissertation research involved a narrative critical reading of the theme of wealth and possessions in Luke–Acts. He is pastor of the Chazy, New York, Presbyterian Church, where he has served since his graduation from PTS. In 2007 he also became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rouses Point, New York. Spaulding is moderator of the Presbytery of Northern New York.

**1992 Timothy T. Boggess (B)** was installed as the third pastor of Northwest Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 21, 2008.

**Gaston Espinosa (B)** has edited three books: *Religion and the American Presidency: George Washington to George W. Bush with Commentary and Primary Sources* (Columbia University Press, 2009), *Religion, Race, and the American Presidency* (Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2008), and *Mexican American Religions: Spirituality, Activism, and Culture* (Duke University Press, 2008). ▽



He is president of La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion at the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, and founding coeditor of the Columbia University Press in Religion and Politics.

**Kyle Keefer (B)** is assistant professor of religion at Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In October, his book *The New Testament As Literature* was published in Oxford University Press's Very Short Introduction Series.

**1993 Hans Andreasson (M)** has been appointed docent at the Swedish-speaking faculty of theology at Åbo Akademi in Turku, Finland.

In May 2008, **Marnie Mullen Crumpler (B)** received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Her thesis was "Making Missional Families: The Church's Role in Guiding Families to Claim Their Missional Identity, Formation, and Vocation." She is executive pastor of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, on staff with pastor and head of staff **Vic Pentz ('74B)** and associate pastor **Vicki Harrington Franch ('88B)**.

**Juliann Joy (B)** is the new pastor of Petersburg Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Ohio. She was installed on September 21, 2008.

**Haruko Nawata Ward (M, '01D)** has been promoted to associate professor of church history with tenure at Columbia Theological Seminary.

**1994 Thom Burleson (E, '00B)** has accepted a call as pastor of Union Presbyterian Church in Union, Kentucky. He also received his D.Min. from Union Theological Seminary–Presbyterian



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School of Christian Education this past summer.

**Shannon LC Cate (E)**, her partner, Cole, and their two girls, Nat and Selina, have moved to Chicago. Shannon works from home as a writer at babble.com, a parenting web site, and homeschools the children. Cole is a professor at the University of Illinois.

**Alan H. Cole Jr. (B, '01D)** has written *Good Mourning: Getting through Your Grief* and edited *From Midterms to Ministry: Practical Theologians on Pastoral Beginnings* (both with Westminster John Knox Press), the latter a collection of essays written on the subject of beginning one's ministry after seminary. He has also written *Be Not Anxious: Pastoral Care of Disquieted Souls* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008).

**Troy Jackson's (B)** first monograph, "Becoming King: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Making of a National Leader," is available from the University Press of Kentucky.

**Scott Black Johnston (D)** preached at Austin Seminary's annual midwinter lecture series in February. Johnston now serves as pastor of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, where he was installed on December 7, 2008. **Thomas G. Long ('80D)** preached at the service of celebration and installation.

**Dave Widmer (B, '00M)** completed his first full marathon with Team in Training

at the New Jersey Marathon on May 4, 2008, in Long Branch, New Jersey. The marathon was run to raise money for and awareness about blood cancer research. Currently, Widmer, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Berkshire Valley, and an admirer of Eric Henry Liddell, still runs as a spiritual discipline and encourages all to join in a common effort to eliminate cancer someday. ▽



**1995 Tim Harrison (B)** was recently awarded a doctorate in worship studies from the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies. His dissertation centered in promoting the spiritual development of children by equipping parents to lead daily family worship in the home. He serves with his wife, **Karen ('95B)**, as a copastor of Clinton Presbyterian Church in Clinton, New Jersey.

**Rina L. Terry (B)** has been invited to participate in the Open Source Liturgy Project aimed at a 2016 publication date of a new United Methodist *Book of Worship*.

**Frank M. Yamada (B, '05D)** has been appointed director of the Center for Asian American Ministry and associate professor of Hebrew Bible at McCormick Theological Seminary.

**1996 Wai-Tung Cho (D)** sends greetings from Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. He writes to share the joyful news that he was appointed the sixth president of the seminary in November. "The presidential inauguration [was] held the evening of January 19, 2009, at the Kowloon City Baptist Church in Hong Kong. Vicky and I have been thankful that God has nurtured us at PTS. We would like to ask that you continue to pray for me."

**Matt Hilgaertner (B)** was called in September as the stated supply pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Portland, Oregon.

**Linda Pollock (M, '99M)** has been working for the Church of Scotland for three years. She spends seventy-five percent of her time working with people who work with children. She organizes national events for children and writes that she has the best of both worlds because "I get to play as well as to challenge thinking regarding children in our denomination! We had the first-ever National Children's Assembly last year and our second gathering in November. Next year we are inviting children from all over the world to join us on Iona. It will be the year of homecoming in Scotland, so we decided to go to the home of Christianity in Scotland. The privilege of hearing children's voices is hard to articulate. I deeply value their insights!"

**William Edmond Whiddon Robinson (B)** is the new minister of Salem Presbyterian

Church in Salem, Virginia. He is currently a doctoral candidate in biblical studies at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

**1997 Arpad Edes (M)** is parish minister of the Reformed Church in Kiskunhalas, Hungary. He previously served as a university chaplain in Budapest for the Reformed Church in Hungary.

**Brint Pratt Keyes (B)** and his wife, **Carla ('95B)**, are living in Richmond, Virginia. Carla is pastor of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church and Brint is interim director of admissions at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education. He writes that they are blessed to be back in Virginia, which is home to everyone in both of their families.

**Frank Mansell (B)** has been selected to participate in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program at Wabash College. The program, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., targets Indiana pastors with between five and ten years of experience following their graduate seminary studies. Mansell is the pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. ▽





## Take a Bow

**Margaret E. "Peggy" Howland ('58B)** was thrilled at the Peace Breakfast at the 218th PCUSA General Assembly, where she was awarded the 2008 Peaceseecker Award by the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship for her forty years of serving on the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship National Committee, as a "peace evangelist to the General Assembly,"

and fifty years of ordination to "the ministry of the gospel of peace." Also at the breakfast was **Beth Pyles ('05B)**, who received the 2007 Peaceseecker Award from The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship for her service in Iraq as a witness to the just peace of God in the chaos of war.

**Paul Eppinger ('61B, '65M)** was one of six honored in November with an Award of Excellence during the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches and Church World Service. He was honored for his service as the statewide director of the "Victory Together" campaign to establish a state Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday for Arizona; for his eight years as the executive director of the Arizona Ecumenical Council, an organization uniting programs of thirteen mainline and Catholic communions involving 700 churches and one million Christians; and as founder and executive director of the Arizona Interfaith Movement, an organization of twenty-four religious groups that seeks to bring understanding and respect for all faith groups across the state.

**George Burn ('71B)**, director of pastoral care at Mount Nittany Medical Center in State College, Pennsylvania, will receive the Institutional Chaplain Merit Award in June from the American Baptist Churches USA. Burn has dedicated his thirty-five-year career to direct pastoral care and ministry. He is a board-certified chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains, chair of the International Advocacy Committee, and a certified bereavement facilitator with the American Academy of Bereavement.

The Bible Society of India has published *Called to Serve*, in honor of the life and ministry of **Francis Sunderaraj ('71M)**, former general secretary of the Evangelical Fellowship of India and Asia, and a member of the International Council of the World Evangelical Fellowship (now known as the World Evangelical Alliance). The book contains tributes to Sunderaraj from across the globe and articles on issues facing the church in India.

**John Fischer ('73B)**, pastor of the United Christian Church in Aberdeen, Washington, was honored in September by his congregation on the thirty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.



Beth Pyles (left) and Peggy Howland (second from right) at the PCUSA General Assembly Peace Breakfast

In May, McCormick Theological Seminary held a Festschrift in honor of **Robert L. Brawley ('78D)**, McGaw Professor of New Testament Emeritus. Brawley joined the McCormick faculty in 1992 and retired in 2007. The annual Robert L. Brawley Lecture in Gospel Studies honors Brawley's many contributions to the McCormick community.

**Jin Han ('83B, '88D)**, associate professor of biblical studies at New York Theological Seminary, was selected from a national applicant pool to attend one of seventeen study opportunities supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities this past summer. He participated in a five-week program titled "Holy Land and Holy City in Classical Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies in the United Kingdom.

**Heidi DeMott Shanes ('02B)** was elected president of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan on October 18, 2008. The previous day she received the Outstanding Church Leadership Award in recognition of exemplary service in local church ministry, presented by the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and the Ministers Council of Michigan. She is pastor of Gregory Community Church in Gregory, Michigan.

**Howard West ('04B)** is director of spiritual life services for Country Meadows Retirement Communities. Country Meadows Retirement Communities in Hershey was recognized in June with a 2008 Best of the Best Award by the Assisted Living Federation of America for innovative strategies that improve senior living operations and resident care.

**Mark Johnston ('05M)** was selected by the National Bible Association in September as one of three 2008 Witherspoon Award winners and was honored at a dinner in November in New York City. The annual Witherspoon Award is given to Armed Forces chaplains who demonstrate a unique commitment to Bible reading and/or encourage Bible reading in a creative and relevant way. Johnston is the ethics instructor and chaplain for the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy in Fort Bliss, Texas.

**Karen Behm ('06B)**, chaplain at The Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, was selected as a finalist for the 2008 Albert E. Dyckes Health Care Worker of the Year Award by the Ohio Hospital Association at the association's recognition dinner in June. The award recognizes "outstanding caregivers who are great leaders, reflect the values and ideals of Ohio's healthcare facilities, routinely go above and beyond the call of duty, give back to the community, and have overcome odds to succeed."



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**James Miller (B)** is the new pastor of Glenkirk Church in Los Angeles, California. He is the father of two and the author of the book *God Scent*.

**1998 Vito Aiuto (B)** and his wife, Monique, make up the musical group The Welcome Wagon. In December they released their debut album, *Welcome to the Welcome Wagon* (Asthmatic Kitty Records), a collection of songs influenced by folk music, religion, popular culture, and church tradition. The group's repertoire consolidates a vast history of "sacred" song traditions from Old Testament psalms, to Presbyterian psalters of the seventeenth century, to iconoclastic pop innovators of the 1960s, to charismatic Catholics of the 1970s, and even the melancholy lovelorn pop of the 1980s. ▽



**Ivan Alberts (M)** is pastor of Elysburg United Methodist Church in Elysburg, Pennsylvania.

**Beth Crawford (B)** has joined The Reynolds Law Firm, PC, in Corvallis, Oregon, as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on family law, victim's rights, and children's issues.

**Scott Lumsden (B)** was chosen in May as executive presbyter of the Presbytery of Seattle.

**1999 Brent Anderson (B)** accepted the call to serve as pastor/head of staff at Steel Lake Presbyterian Church in Federal Way, Washington.

**Chad Bauman's (B, '05D)** dissertation "Christian Identity and Dalit Religion in Hindu India, 1868–1947" has been published under the same title by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company as part of their series Studies in the History of Christian Missions. Bauman is assistant professor of religion at Butler University.

In June, **Kenneth Good (G)** became pastor of Stockton Presbyterian Church in Stockton, New Jersey. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Kean University and teaches the freshman history class, Civil Society in America.

**Timothy McConnell (B)** is director of graduate ministries at the Center for Christian Study, an interdenominational ministry and study center at the University of Virginia. The center stands at the intersection of church and university "to serve Jesus Christ by fostering the serious consideration in the university environment of a biblical worldview and by encouraging and facilitating wise discussion of the truth in light of the challenges of contemporary culture."

**Vicky Ney (B)** writes, "Hello to everyone—especially the Heavenly Council!" She accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, New Jersey, as pastor in March 2007. She enjoys preaching every week, and had the honor of officiating at her older son Michael's wedding on October 19. She and her husband, Richard, recently celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary by sailing on the Chesapeake.

**C. Kevin Rowe (B)** has been awarded a Christian faith and life grant by The Louisville Institute for his project "Practicing Remembrance: The Acts of the Apostles and the Ecclesial Imagination."

**Alex Stevens (B)** is interim pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Georgia. He is an ordained pastor in the PCUSA with nine years of service as a second-career minister.

**Byron Wess (M)** received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in May.

**2000** In November, **Wayne E. Croft Sr. (M)** defended his doctoral dissertation "You Jes' Wait a Little: A Comparison of the Motif of Hope in African American Preaching during the Slave and Post-Civil War Periods" at Drew University Theological School. Croft will receive his Ph.D. in liturgical studies with a concentration in homiletics from Drew in May. In the fall of 2008, he began a tenure-track appointment at

Palmer Theological Seminary as assistant professor of homiletics and liturgics. He continues to serve as senior pastor of The Church of the Redeemer Baptist in Philadelphia.

**Rachel Frey (B)** married Craig Heinke on June 14, 2008, in a "lovely and lively convent ceremony." Instead of bridesmaids, Frey had ministers; PTS alum **Sarah Griffith Lund ('02B)** presided at the communion table during the ceremony. People from both of Frey's seminary field education placements also attended the wedding. She writes, "In July, we then embarked on a transcontinental road trip, moving to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where Craig is now a professor at the University of Alberta (astrophysics) and I serve as a hospital chaplain. En route, we stopped in Indiana to spend time with **Christina Starace Williams ('00B)** and her beautiful family."

**Eric Hagood (B)** graduated in May from Drew University's Theological School with a Doctor of Ministry. His dissertation was titled "The Local Church as Village: Gathering, Sharing, and Embracing Our Contemporary African American Living Proverbs and Faith Stories." He is grateful to PTS for giving his family the opportunity to be a part of its community and for preparing him for the next level.

**Spencer L. Lundgaard (B, '01M)**, his wife, Missy, and daughters Lauren (6), and Kelsey (4), moved to Denver, Colorado, last summer, where in



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September Lundgaard became the third executive director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks ([www.acmnp.com](http://www.acmnp.com)), now in its sixth decade.

**Jonathan Schwartz (B)** was installed as the fifth pastor of Brainerd Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on June 8, 2008. He had served as assistant then and associate pastor of the church since 2005.

**William C. Webster (B)** was recently named director of admissions at General Theological Seminary, the oldest Episcopal seminary in the United States, located in New York City.

**2001 Jennifer Bird (B)** was recently promoted to assistant professor of religion at Greensboro College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Ruth de Jesus (B)** is associate dean of intercultural advancement at Gettysburg College and lives in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, with her husband, David Bowles, and children, Esperanza (5) and Mateo (2).

**David J. Reichert (U)** was inaugurated as minister of the evangelische Luthergemeinde in Heidelberg, Germany, on September 14, 2008. With this call he is also minister for 1,500 policemen in Heidelberg county.

**Millicent Wess (B)** recently published an article, "Bringing Hope and Healing to Grieving Patients with Cancer," in the December 2007 issue of

## weddings &amp; BIRTHS

## WEDDINGS

LaVerne Brandsma and C. Ernest Williams ('65B), February 16, 2008  
 Julie Wong and David Shinn ('97B), September 8, 2007  
 Rachel Frey ('00B) and Craig Heinke, June 14, 2008  
 Tara Elizabeth Ebner ('03B) and David Briton Bain, May 24, 2008  
 Caroline Suzanne McCray and Richard Jay Hutton ('04B), July 26, 2008  
 Maren Betts-Sonstegard ('06B) and Jeffery Spray, October 17, 2008  
 Rebecca Gillespie ('06B) and David Messman, January 5, 2008  
 Juel Frances Murawski ('06B) and Theodore "Ted" Roger Nelson, September 27, 2008  
 Kelley Angleberger ('07B) and Tom Harmon ('06B), May 3, 2008  
 Anna Katherine Ellerman (Ph.D. candidate) and William Henderson Shurley ('07B), October 18, 2008  
 Christi Reid Owen ('08B) and Kelan James Brown, May 25, 2008  
 Julia Sponaugle ('08B) and Jonathan Britt, June 14, 2008  
 Stephanie Marie Cox (M.Div. student) and Andrew de la Ronde Van Kirk ('08B), January 3, 2009

## BIRTHS

Lauren Jimin Lee to Kyo Young Park and Mark Lee ('99B) on April 20, 2008  
 Brigid Maria to Sheri Bunn ('00B) and Kerry P.C. San Chirico ('99B) on December 5, 2007  
 Olivia Grace to Betsy and Matthew ('00B) Henderson on June 11, 2008  
 Cassandra ("Cassie") Elizabeth to Amy E.S. ('00B) and Jeffery Lincoln on February 9, 2008  
 Sofia Claire to Laura ('00B) and Jason Savenelli on December 28, 2008  
 Ryan Henry to Karen Lynn and Scott Bostwick ('01B) on August 25, 2008  
 Ezra Lee Buzzard-Cooke to Hilary Cooke ('02B) and Greg Buzzard on October 30, 2007  
 Wilson Edward Steven ("Wes") to Carrie ('02B) and Bill Mitchell on September 4, 2007  
 Priscilla Joy Powell McNutt to Jennifer Powell ('03B) and David McNutt ('02B) on May 3, 2008  
 Solomon Davis Campbell to April M. Davis Campbell ('04B) and Robert Campbell on November 18, 2008  
 Asher Joshua to Carrie and Loren ('04B) Pankratz on June 17, 2008  
 Grace Anneke to Becky White Newgren ('07B) and Andy Newgren (M.Div. senior), February 19, 2009

the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*.

**2002 Rhonda Britton (B)**

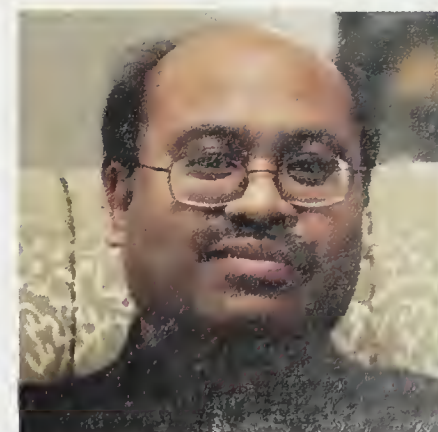
was installed as senior pastor of Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in September 2007. PTS classmate and friend **LeQuita Porter ('02B)** took part in the installation service, which was attended by more than 400 people, including the moderator of the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia and the president of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches.

Cornwallis Street Baptist Church is the historic "mother church" of the association.

**Kathy Dawson (D)** has been promoted to associate professor of Christian education with tenure at Columbia Theological Seminary.

**Rex Espiritu (B)** has been selected to participate in the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program at Wabash College. The program, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., targets Indiana pastors with between five and ten years

of experience following their graduate seminary studies. Espiritu is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in New Castle, Indiana. ▽



On August 1, 2008, **Doug Resler (B)** accepted a call to new



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church development in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

**Holly Robertson (B)** is the new associate pastor for congregational care and mission at Mount Washington Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**2003 Glenn A. Chestnutt (B, '04M)** graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a Ph.D. in systematic theology on June 27, 2008. He is assistant minister in the Church of Scotland at Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh.

**Jennifer Powell McNutt (B)** writes that it has been “an exciting year for the McNutt household, and we are very grateful to God for these many blessings! In May 2008, our daughter, Priscilla Joy Powell McNutt, was born in Cambridge, England. In June, I graduated from the University of St. Andrews with my Ph.D. in history: Reformation studies. And after living in the UK for the past five years, we moved to Wheaton, Illinois, in July where I have taken up a tenure-track position at Wheaton College Graduate School as assistant professor of theology and history of Christianity. Meanwhile, my husband, **David ('02B)**, is completing his Ph.D. in theology and the arts through the University of Cambridge.

**Walter R. Steele (M)**, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pensacola, Florida, was awarded the degree of Master of Sacred Theology on February 22, 2008, from Concordia Theological

Seminary. His thesis was titled “The Enjoyment Imperatives in Ecclesiastes as Statements of Faith by Qoheleth.”

**2004 J. Campbell Goodloe Hackett (B, E)** has been awarded a dissertation fellowship by The Louisville Institute for her project “Nurturing the Capacity to Think Theologically about Moral Issues: An Empirical Study of Christian Moral Formation and Deliberation in Six Presbyterian Congregations.” This program supports the final year of Ph.D. or Th.D. dissertation writing for students engaged in research pertaining to American religion.

After serving twenty years as a PCUSA mission coworker in Japan, most recently as professor of practical theology at Tokyo Union Theological Seminary, **Tom Hastings (D)** has taken a new position as the program director for research and development at the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton.

**Elizabeth (B)** and **Matthew Schultz ('05B, E)** are associate pastors for youth ministry at Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton. They relocated from Watertown, New York, where Matthew was associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church and Elizabeth served as church liaison for the Watertown Urban Mission.

On October 26, 2008, **Jason Wells (B)** was installed by Bishop Gene Robinson as vicar of Grace Episcopal Church in Concord, New Hampshire.

**2005 Jessica Bratt (B)** has been named executive coordinator to the general secretary of the Reformed Church in America. She assumed her responsibilities in October and serves as a link between the general secretary's office, the General Synod and General Synod Council officers, and staff of the regional synods, classes, congregations, and boards and agencies of the Reformed Church in America. She was ordained in October at the Old First Reformed Church in Brooklyn, New York.

**Becci Curtis (B)** is associate pastor of Clinton Presbyterian Church in Clinton, New Jersey.

**Jamey Heit (B, '06M)** has published a new book, *The Springfield Reformation: The Simpsons, Christianity, and American Culture*.

**Noelle Kirchner (B)** was ordained, and installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, New Jersey, last summer.

**Riley O'Brien Powell (B)** and her husband, Skip, have moved back to Minnesota after several years of graduate school out east and working in Chicago. One highlight has been their travels together, including a month of researching and teaching at the Himalayan Rescue Association, the highest-altitude medical clinic in the world, topped off with an ambitious trek to Base Camp, Mount Everest (18,400 feet). Upon their return to Minneapolis, Riley joined

her mother, Suzen O'Brien, in her financial advising practice at Smith Barney. Skip is enjoying his work as an emergency medicine doctor. They are expecting a baby boy in March and are looking forward to reconnecting with friends in the local PTS community. Contact Riley at [rileypowell@post.harvard.edu](mailto:rileypowell@post.harvard.edu).



On April 6, 2008, **Brandi Wooten (B)** was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chili, New York.

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**Susan Sytsma Bratt (B)** is a pastoral resident (two-year term) in the Transition to Ministry Program at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. She is a candidate in the Presbytery of Detroit and “God willing will be ordained in 2009.”

**Heather Prince Doss (B)** accepted a call as associate pastor of Sea Island Presbyterian Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. She is responsible for all areas of ministry, but will focus on strengthening mission and outreach ministries. She was ordained on November 2, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro,



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Tennessee, and was installed at Sea Island Presbyterian Church on November 23.

**Jason Leonard (M)** was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on August 10, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He was installed as the pastor of Geneva Presbyterian Church, Hebron Presbyterian Church, and Oak Hill Presbyterian Church—a yoked parish in Oxford, North Carolina—on August 24.

In April 2008, **Eleanor Norman (B)** began serving as associate pastor at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia. She is the supervisor for Christian education, youth ministry, and college ministries.

**Benjamin Park (B)** was ordained in September in Minnesota, with **David Choi ('93B, '94M, '03D)** preaching and **Jin S. Kim ('93B)** giving the charge. He was installed at United Presbyterian Church of Seattle, Washington, in November.

**2007 Kelley Angleberger (B)** and **Tom Harmon ('06B)** were married on May 3, 2008, in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. They reside in Dayton, Ohio, where Kelley is a case manager at The Other Place, Dayton's daytime homeless shelter, while Tom serves as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Fairborn, Ohio.

**Ruth Aimée Belonni-Rosario (B)** was ordained as a minister

of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of San Juan on April 2, 2008. The worship service was held at the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Bayamón. ▽



PTS alums were present: **Victor Aloyo ('89B)**, her husband **Amaury Tanon-Santos ('05B)**, **Bridgett Green ('05B)**, and **José González-Colón ('07B)**. She was shortly installed as pastor of San Andrés Presbyterian Church in Bronx, New York.

**Becca Bruner (B)** was installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Normal, Illinois, on October 19, 2008.

**Yvonne Chang (B)** is the collegiate ministries director at University Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, California. Her fellow PTS alum, **Soon Chung ('88B)**, is the church's pastor.

**Rachel G. Hackenberg (B)** was installed in May as pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Heading a group of forty-five young people and twenty-two volunteers and chaperones from the First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, New Jersey, **Curtis Lane Paul II (B)**, associate pastor, spent a week in August in Cleveland, Ohio, building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

**Jenny Smith (B)** was commissioned by Glenmary

Home Missioners to paint their annual Christmas appeal. The 2008 painting is of the holy family and is to reflect the intimacy of community. Some of Smith's paintings can be found

at [www.jenniferdianesmith.com/watercolors](http://www.jenniferdianesmith.com/watercolors). ▽



**Deanna Womack (B, '08M)** was ordained for mission work in Lebanon on July 20, 2008, at her home church, the First Presbyterian Church of Nevada, Missouri. Her father, **Greg Ferree ('80B)**, was one of the commissioners. Deanna and her husband, Mike, are in Zahle, Lebanon, where she teaches religious education classes and is a chaplain with the Secondary Evangelical School, and he teaches high school English, coordinates the school's larger English program, and teaches seventh grade. They recently attended a lunch for PTS alumni/ae in Beirut with President Torrance. ▽



**2008 David Henry Andrew IV (B)** was ordained on August 9, 2008, as a minister of Word and Sacrament at the First Presbyterian Church of Missoula, Montana. Andrew is minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Dillon, Montana.

**Adam Walker Cleaveland (B, E)** is minister for youth and young adults at Asbury United Methodist Church in Livermore, California. His wife, **Sarah ('08M)**, is a graduate student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

**Amy Dame (B)** has accepted the call as associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Hutchinson, Kansas. She was ordained on September 13, 2008, at her home church in Lexington, Kentucky.

**David Drebes (B)** is vicar of Good Shepherd Church in Glen Rock, New Jersey.

**Han-Luen Komline (B)** has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. student scholarship to Germany in theology and religion. She is one of 1,450 U.S. citizens who traveled abroad for the 2008–2009 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

**Bruno Linhares (D, '02M)** was invited to work as a guest researcher at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, during the fall of 2008, on a joint project of PTS and Vrije Universiteit. He is further developing the online research tool of secondary literature about Abraham Kuyper as found at [www.kuyperresearch.org](http://www.kuyperresearch.org).



# Outstanding in the FIELD

## TO WORK AND TO WORSHIP

BY KERI WILLARD-CRIST

Decades ago, David Miller (M.Div., 1998; Ph.D., 2003) was baptized into the business community with strict advice from an IBM instructor at a new employee training session: “Whatever else you learn here, just don’t forget, religion and business simply don’t mix.” For years this credo, recalled in the introduction to his book *God at Work: The History and Promise of the Faith at Work Movement* (Oxford University Press, 2007), held true for Miller, at least on the surface. It wasn’t until coming to Princeton Seminary in 1995 that he gained the theological training that enabled him to articulate his response.

Now Miller has one question on his mind: “How do you integrate the claims of your faith with the demands of your work?” It’s a question arising from a successful career as a businessman and a Christian, honed while an M.Div. student and doctoral student in ethics at PTS, and then as the executive director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture, and a question he continues to explore as the director of the Princeton University Faith and Work Initiative. It’s a question well worth asking for those interested in integrating their life with an overarching sense of what Miller describes as “moral meaning and purpose” that transitions fluidly between church on Sunday and the office on Monday. Miller uses the Hebrew word *avodah*, which means both “work” and “worship,” to guide his study and to bridge the “Sunday-Monday gap.”

Before leaving the corporate world to attend Princeton Seminary, Miller spent sixteen years in senior executive positions in international business and finance in the United States and abroad. His theological education and business background make Miller uniquely qualified to address the marketplace through a theological lens. He refers to his fluency in both business and theological language as his “bilingual” background.

Miller doesn’t distinguish between his call to seminary and his call to corporate leadership. “I understood myself as called to ministry before, as a partner in a bank,” says Miller, who nearly always discusses “calls” in the plural. His decision to come to PTS was the result of a “gradual drip feed” of clarity that occurred over the course of eighteen months, a process he describes as “a new call, not my first call.” Though this may sound strange to some, it illustrates Miller’s goal: to transform the way that Christians think of work.

Miller stresses the important role clergy have in helping their congregations bridge the faith and work divide. “I think even the most humbling of work, the most difficult of work, can serve God’s greater purposes,” says Miller. “We in the ordained clergy need to help [parishioners] interpret that, not to mollify them.” Miller points out that though seminaries train their graduates to minister to people in hospice care, they seldom teach church leaders how to minister to CEOs, businesspersons, or anyone struggling to integrate faith and work in the midst of a fragmented life. For a CEO, integration might mean something as simple as making a conference room available to employees for prayer or meditation, or creating a safe space for faith to be discussed. Miller refers to this as sending a “meta-message” as a corporate leader that “it’s okay to be religious.” For others, incorporating faith and work might mean mentioning weekend worship services during the workweek.

Miller’s concern is one that many in contemporary American culture aren’t accustomed to thinking about. But all that’s changing. The faith and work movement is growing, and Miller finds himself at the center of the field. At Princeton University Miller’s tasks are threefold. In addition to his position as founding director of the Faith and Work Initiative, he researches and writes on the way theological and ethical issues intersect with the workplace, contributions



Photo: Daniel Escher

that are helping to grow the field. He also teaches in the Religion Department, where one of his courses, Business Ethics and Modern Religious Thought, gives Miller the opportunity to “get students thinking at twenty years old about questions I never thought about until my late thirties.”

One of his aims is to teach young students, whatever their faith, to make it a priority to work in or run their business in a “God-pleasing” way. In this vein, Miller is clear that work as a calling isn’t just about what one does. He sees work as the “connecting point between worship and service, God and neighbor,” whether one is employed as a CEO, a teacher, a minister, or in a supermarket bagging groceries. Guided by the concept of *avodah*, Miller knows that spiritual calls aren’t limited to pastors. And despite his emphasis on the workplace, Miller is quick to point out that any discussion of call that ends with the workplace is truncated. Ultimately, “calls” are more than just occupations; how one engages work is just as important as the work itself. For Miller, both can be forms of worship.

Those interested in learning more about issues of faith and work are encouraged to explore Miller’s book, *God at Work*, email David Miller at [dwm@princeton.edu](mailto:dwm@princeton.edu), or visit the Faith and Work Initiative web site, <http://faithandwork.princeton.edu>. ♦



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## The Wilhelm and Marion H. Pauck Manuscript Collection

The papers of Wilhelm Pauck, one of the foremost church historians of the eighteenth century, are now part of Princeton Seminary Libraries' Special Collections Department. Pauck, born in 1901 in Germany, was an important bridge for the transmission of European scholarship to North America. He trained famed church historian Jaroslav Pelikan, and was known for his work as a Reformation historian, publishing important works on Luther, Melancthon, and the heritage of the Reformation. He also published an early book on Karl Barth and was engaged in a two-volume work on Paul Tillich in his later years, the first volume of which was completed with the help of his wife, Marion Hausner Pauck.

The collection in the PTS library includes correspondence files, including letters between the Paucks and James Luther Adams, professor of Christian ethics at Harvard Divinity School, Unitarian minister, and editor and translator of the works of Paul Tillich. The collection also contains letters from many leading theologians of the twentieth century, including Reinhold Niebuhr, Karl Barth, Paul Lehmann, Pelikan, and Tillich. The Pauck Collection was generously donated to PTS by Marion Pauck. ✱



## Digitized Edition of Barth's *Church Dogmatics*

Princeton Seminary and T&T Clark/Continuum have joined to publish a revised and digitized edition of Karl Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, making it possible for the first time to query and search the nearly 8,000 pages of what is arguably the greatest theological work of the twentieth century.

Princeton produced the digitized text with the assistance of a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. Care was taken to ensure that the digital text allows scholars to perform searches not only on individual words and phrases, but also on biblical texts and citations.

English translations of Barth's Greek and Latin phrases, untranslated in the print edition, have now been incorporated into the text.

Princeton Seminary will continue to maintain and update the electronic text of the classic translation edited by Geoffrey Bromily of Fuller Theological Seminary and the late Thomas F. Torrance of Edinburgh University. T&T Clark will retain copyright of the classic text produced under Torrance's supervision. Princeton Seminary has established copyright of the electronic form of the translation, which it regards as a "living text" that will be revised and corrected by new generations of Barth scholars. ✱

## Foundations: Building for Ministry

Lilly Endowment Inc. continues its support of youth ministry by awarding Princeton Theological Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry (IYM) a grant of \$666,687 for the institute's new initiative, The Connections Project: Strengthening Youth Ministries through Mentoring and Vocational Friendships.

The Connections Project, a four-year program to begin in July 2009, will offer mentoring for youth leaders, peer-led groups, and a curriculum for training volunteers in congregations. The project will identify and study practices of mentoring and peer support that can be critical for sustaining excellence in youth ministry.

IYM codirector Dayle Rounds notes that significant progress has been made in the past ten to fifteen years to revitalize ministry with youth. She explains, "More and more congregations are developing and sustaining excellent youth ministries grounded in robust theology. This is a time of promising possibilities for youth ministry. Programs to help leaders make connections between their theological training and the practice of ministry in congregations can move many ministries from 'good' to 'great.'"

The Connections Project will take youth ministry another step forward by providing opportunities for youth leaders to develop relational connections with mentors and peers that can lessen their isolation, counter burnout, and strengthen their ministries. Programs of the IYM, including the Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry, the Certificate in Youth and Theology, and Pathways youth leader training seminars will provide the structure and support for this project.

Mentoring will bring youth leaders together with experienced church leaders who can offer them guidance and encouragement in a structured relationship, to help develop greater competence. Cohort groups will be formed to expand the work of mentors and to build bridges between theological education and the practice of ministry. The project will also develop local peer networks supported by regional training seminars. The curriculum created by this project will provide needed training for volunteers and will help youth leaders effect change in their congregations.

All the facets of this project—mentoring, cohort groups, local peer groups, and congregational resources—strengthen youth ministries by providing relational connections for skilled youth pastors and directors and by creating pathways for connections between theology and the practice of ministry in congregations. Through the Connections Project, the IYM intends to spark a new commitment to mentoring young leaders in the church, to name the essentials in developing cohort groups that support youth leaders and promote excellence in their ministries, and to establish a model for developing cohort groups and mentoring that can be replicated in other settings.

"We think The Connections Project is going to be great for the church and for youth ministry," says Amy Vaughn, IYM codirector with Rounds. "We look forward to launching it in July and offering these programs to youth leaders and congregations."

For more information about the program, including how to participate, contact [iym@ptsem.edu](mailto:iym@ptsem.edu). ✱



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## *Investing in Young Leaders*

BY KERI WILLARD-CRIST

Sometimes it takes another person to confirm God's call: that's how Richard "Trace" Haythorn (M.Div., 1992) interprets 2 Samuel 3. Though Samuel was raised in the context of the temple, he still needed Eli to confirm that he was hearing God's voice. Enter the Fund for Theological Education (FTE), an organization dedicated to identifying future leaders of the church and supporting them as they explore vocations in ministry and teaching.

In a recent survey of graduating divinity students, the Association of Theological Schools found that fewer than half of graduates anticipated entering full-time parish ministry after seminary. As president of FTE, Haythorn thinks he can make a difference in those numbers, which is why he is committed to nurturing young people who are just beginning to hear a call, and to providing them with enough of a financial "boost" to help them receive the education and skills they need to take the church where they want it to be.

This year, six Princeton Seminary students are recipients of FTE's support.

Juniors Jennifer Barchi, Jillian Greene, Andrew Hudson, Megan LeCluyse, and Anthony Riley were awarded FTE Congregational Fellowships, which provide financial aid to first-year seminarians through partnerships between FTE and the nominating congregations. Lisa Bowens, a Ph.D. candidate in New Testament, received a Doctoral Fellowship.

For Bowens, the support FTE provides is more than just financial, "it's spiritual and emotional" as well. This is no accident. Despite the financial cache FTE wields, Haythorn is quick to acknowledge that investing in future leaders requires more than just money, which is why the organization tries to connect awardees with mentors and uses technology to create a network for past and present fellows to stay connected. As part of their award, fellows receive a stipend and travel expenses to attend an FTE conference prior to their fellowship year (separate conferences are held for winners of different fellowships). "When we bring groups together to meet each other, we want them to recognize the rich palette of leadership that God is calling for the church," said Haythorn of the conferences. "There's not a 'type' that

God calls."

Haythorn came to FTE from his position as director of the Vocation and Values Program and founder of the Center for Servant Leadership at

Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. He saw the transition to FTE as an opportunity to broaden the regional focus he had at Hastings to a national level. "Our alums are part of a movement," said Haythorn. "These are folks that we really see are leaders in the national and global church for the next generation. With the number of people who are retiring soon, the demands for gifted leadership are just going to increase. We're going to be looking at younger and younger people to step into roles that they haven't thought about before." ✱



Trace Haythorn

### Seminary Receives Citation for Field Education

In September, Princeton Seminary was honored at a worship service celebrating the 110th anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey. PTS was one of several organizations to receive a citation from the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, honoring the Seminary's commitment to the Trenton church through field education during years of the church's redevelopment as a multicultural congregation. Many students have served and learned at Westminster through field education, and many alumni/ae have served the church as staff, including Jonathan Seitz (M.Div., 2002; Ph.D., 2007) and Marcia Kipp MacKillop (M.Div., 2000), its current parish associates, and Jacqueline Lewis (M.Div., 1992), former pastor who preached at the anniversary



Photo: David Byers

service. Director of Field Education Deborah Davis attended the service to receive the citation, and she is pictured here (center) with PTS students (from left) Brenna Nickel, Christiana DeYoe, and David Coello, and Westminster's pastor, Karen Hernandez-Granzen (second from right).



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*Sir John Templeton: Finding Value in Life*

BY MICHELE JANOWITZ

John Templeton, a long-time trustee of Princeton Theological Seminary, knew a thing or two about finding value, knowledge reflected in both his professional life and his personal life. Recognized, among other things, for his forward-thinking investment strategies and thrifty lifestyle, Templeton had a remarkable ability to find value, a trait that compelled *Money* magazine in 1999 to call him “arguably the greatest global stock picker of the century.”

Templeton, who died July 8, 2008, at the age of ninety-five, began his career on Wall Street in 1937, and three years later purchased a small investment advisory concern—Templeton, Dobbrow, and Vance, Inc. In 1954, he entered the mutual fund industry when he established his flagship fund, the Templeton Growth Fund, which is now the longest-running U.S. mutual fund focusing on global investing. Templeton’s mutual fund business expanded to serve both institutions and individuals with two primary strategies: global equities and emerging-market equities. In 1992, Templeton sold the business to Franklin Resources, which continues to operate a diversified mutual fund company under the name Franklin Templeton.

Very much a contrarian when it came to investing, Templeton was a staunch proponent of international investing long before it was popular in the United States to invest overseas. His financial strategies created some of the world’s largest and most successful international investment funds. Two of his maxims were, “It is impossible to produce a superior performance unless you do something different from the majority,” and “If you search worldwide, you will find more bargains and better bargains than by studying only one nation. Also, you gain the safety of diversification.”

Templeton brought his unique investment perspective to Princeton Seminary in 1951 when he joined its

Board of Trustees and took over managing its endowment. He was a member of the Board for forty-two years, and its chair for twelve years.

Templeton first learned of PTS when its choir sang in worship one Sunday at his church, the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood, New Jersey. According to David Mace, a PTS trustee and former chair of the Board, “From that point on, John believed that the work of the Seminary was instrumental in the life of the [Christian] church both locally and globally.”

For nearly forty years Templeton helped PTS fulfill its mission by using his flair for making money to grow the endowment. It was a service that Templeton offered free of charge and that some estimate would have cost the Seminary millions. What was a \$4.5 million endowment in 1951 when Templeton joined the Board increased exponentially under his management.

An ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), Templeton approached religion as progressively as he approached investing. He once said, “I have no quarrel with what I learned in the Presbyterian Church. I am still an enthusiastic Christian. But why shouldn’t I try to learn more? Why shouldn’t I go to Hindu services? Why shouldn’t I go to Muslim services? If you are not egotistical, you will welcome the opportunity to learn more.”

A well-known philanthropist, Templeton gave away his money as aggressively as he made it, especially when it concerned the advancement of religion through science. “Scientific revelations may be a goldmine for revitalizing religion in the twenty-first century,” Templeton once said.

In 1972 Templeton founded a prize for “progress toward research or discoveries about spiritual realities.” The Templeton Prize, worth more than a million dollars, is the largest annual monetary prize given to an individual; Templeton intended the prize to always be of greater monetary

value than the Nobel Prize, because he felt spiritual progress should be as valuable as progress in the sciences and humanities.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta was

the first person to receive the award, in 1973. Others who have won this coveted prize include evangelist Billy Graham, writer Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, former PTS president James McCord, and Thomas Forsyth Torrance, renowned Reformed theologian and father of current PTS president Iain Torrance.

Furthering his quest to unite science and religion, Templeton, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1987, created the Templeton Foundation that same year. The foundation’s mission is “to serve as a philanthropic catalyst for discovery in areas engaging life’s biggest questions.” The foundation, which in 2007 alone gave out approximately \$70 million in grant awards, is currently led by Templeton’s son, John M. Templeton Jr.

As a pioneer in both financial investments and philanthropy, John Templeton spent a lifetime encouraging open-mindedness, an open-mindedness that allowed him to find value in all aspects of life.

In tribute to Templeton, the Seminary and the Templeton Foundation held a memorial service for John Templeton at the Princeton University Chapel in November, at which President Torrance officiated. Princeton Seminary has been blessed by Templeton’s longtime gifts of time, talent, and treasure. ♦

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Sir John Templeton



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## Investing in Children

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

Outside the Seminary's Carol Gray Dupree Center for Children, a young child dances in a figure-eight pattern, acting out the dance of the honeybees. Her classmates play the part of fellow "worker bees," watching to see where to find flowers. Later, the children will make artwork about the dance of the bees.

The dance of the bees is a Reggio "lesson," one the students pursued for many weeks. Reggio Emilia is a town in Italy, and also the name of the educational philosophy developed there after World War II. The philosophy is related to the work of John Dewey, Lev Vygotsky, Jean Piaget, and others, and its hallmarks include a collaborative, project-based learning style, and a negotiated curriculum—a curriculum that teacher and students create together based on the current interests of the children. According to the Reggio philosophy, children's ideas and understanding should be allowed to unfold over time; in a Reggio classroom, as in Italy, there is always *domani*, tomorrow.

Dian Wisdom, the director of the center, first learned of the Reggio philosophy ten years ago at a continuing education event

for teachers, but it wasn't until 2005, after earning her master's degree in education, that she embraced the Reggio philosophy and began working with the teachers to enact it at the center.

A key teaching tool for Italian Reggio practitioners is *provocazione*, which means to provoke; Americans call it "asking the essential question." In either case, the teachers facilitate the children's learning by asking probing questions that encourage the children to pursue their interests, to think creatively, and to formulate hypotheses that they then explore through research. The essential question is often based on the children's conversation; if the children are talking about a bee they saw homing in on flowers on the playground, the teacher might simply ask, "How does it do that?" and then listen to the hypotheses of the children. Their learning is documented in one of "One Hundred Languages," a Reggio term referring

to the many creative expressions available to children, from drama to art projects to music. What looks like play, such as enacting the carefully choreographed dance of the honeybees, is considered the child's work. The method is considered a best practice among many early-childhood educators.

Wisdom says that bringing the Reggio philosophy to the center made some dramatic changes in the children's experience. "The noise level is down, social maturity develops much more quickly, and there are fewer discipline problems," she says. Reggio's emphasis on collaborative learning, negotiating skills, and respect for each person has allowed the children to become a true community. Wisdom sees in Reggio an embodiment of Christian values: "Everything I learned from the New Testament, I see in Reggio," she says.

Open to the children of students, faculty, and staff of the Seminary, the Carol Gray Dupree Center for Children at the West Windsor Campus currently serves fifty-four children ages three months to five years old. The center is named for Carol Gray Dupree, daughter of William R. (B.D., 1946) and Margaret J. Dupree. Carol died of cancer in 1999, and before her death she and her parents agreed to establish the Carol Gray Dupree Center for Children Endowment



Art project by three-year-old Kayla. She titled her collage, "Bees talk to each other by doing the wagggle dance."

Fund at the Seminary in honor of her deep desire to work with children. Margaret Dupree, mother of Carol Gray Dupree, died in August of 2008, and the family requested that contributions in her memory be made to the Seminary fund named for her daughter. The officiating minister at Margaret Dupree's service was the Reverend Thomas Sweets (M.Div., 2004), pastor of the Madison Silverwood Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. Karen Behm, granddaughter of William and Margaret, graduated from Princeton Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 2006.

To make a gift to the Carol Gray Dupree Center for Children Endowment, contact Claire Noon, director of development, at 609.497.7756. ★



Carol Gray Dupree



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## Coming Full Circle

BY MICHELE JANOWITZ

When talking with Princeton Theological Seminary alumnus Michael Lindvall (M.Div., 1974), pastor of The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, and Chase Hunt (M.Div., 1961), the seminary field education program coordinator there, about their more than thirty-year relationship, one of the things that is evident is the mutual respect these men have for one another.

While there is certainly nothing unusual about two colleagues having a long-standing friendship, what is unusual is the way that their relationship has played out over the years.

"Full circle" is the way both men describe how their relationship has evolved, and the term is quite fitting.

Hunt started his pastoral career at Brick in 1962, and he left nearly seven years later to take on a position as pastor and head of staff at Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church in Ferndale, Michigan. It wasn't long after two of his assistants left for other churches that Hunt realized he needed help with his sizable congregation of more than one thousand people.

He decided to scour his alma mater for likely candidates, and after several interviews he met Lindvall for the first time.

"I think that I am right in saying that the next to the last person I spoke with was Michael Lindvall, and about halfway through the conversation with Michael I thought, 'This is the fellow; this is the man,'" says Hunt fondly.

Lindvall eventually accepted the position and came to work for Hunt at Drayton Avenue. "I finally decided that the most important criterion in choosing which church I might serve was the pastor with whom I would be working," admits Lindvall. "It was more important than geography; it was more important than job description; it was more important than salary; it was more important than



Michael Lindvall (left) and Chase Hunt

where I was going to live. The single most important thing for a role like that was who I would be working with as my colleague, and it did not take long for me to figure out that Chase Hunt was somebody that I wanted to work with."

The duo enjoyed five years together at Drayton Avenue until they decided to set off on divergent paths: Hunt took a position as director of planned giving at Princeton Theological Seminary, while Lindvall moved on to become the pastor of a church in Long Island, New York.

Although they no longer worked together, the two had formed a bond that kept them connected throughout the years.

"We formed a wonderful relationship.... So, yes, we kept in fairly regularly contact over the years," says Lindvall.

After spending about thirteen years in Long Island and another ten years after that at a church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Lindvall eventually took on the position of pastor and head of staff at The Brick Presbyterian Church.

He says he was won over after the pastoral search committee at Brick presented him with what he calls a "spiritually persuasive case." He says, "I found myself surprised to be serving the church that my first colleague had served as assistant pastor thirty years earlier."

When he started working at the church, Lindvall soon found his former colleague and friend coming to mind, in ways he couldn't have predicted. "When I did my first wedding, I was being assisted by the church's long-time wedding coordinator... and after the wedding rehearsal was over he said 'It's fascinating, Michael. You do

weddings just like all the other ministers at Brick Church have done weddings, and you are brand new. How would you know?' And it never occurred to me how I would do a Brick Church wedding, having never been at Brick Church before, and then I realized it was Chase Hunt who taught me to do weddings thirty years earlier, and of course he did weddings the way they were done at Brick Church. So it was no coincidence at all!"

It certainly wasn't a coincidence that brought the two together again.

About two years ago, The Brick Church launched a mentoring program. The first coordinator was the Reverend Oscar McCloud, who retired in 2008.

"When Oscar decided he wanted to retire, I wracked my brain to think who I could identify to fill his shoes, and, of course, the thought occurred to me that the person that mentored me so faithfully and gently thirty years ago would be just the ideal person to mentor other young seminarians all these years later," says Lindvall, adding, "and he would know Brick Church.... So, there was that wonderful circle completed."

Hunt was more than happy to be reunited with his old friend and his first call in ministry. He accepted the offer, and started mentoring there in September, supervising field education students from Union Theological Seminary in New York, and from PTS, including M.Div. middler Jeremy Jinkins. "Chase Hunt brings a library's worth of anecdotes for responding to situations as a pastor," says Jinkins. "He employs stories from his life in service to the church to help me connect the dots between the classroom and the practical world."

When talking about how the dynamic of their relationship has shifted from Hunt being head of staff and Lindvall's supervisor at Drayton Avenue to Lindvall now being head of staff and Hunt's supervisor at Brick, Lindvall says, "It's not very much different. We still work as colleagues, and that differential doesn't seem to play into things at all." ♦



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## *Trustees—Princeton's Strongest Supporters*

**Deborah McKinley**

BY BARBARA A. CHAAPEL

Deborah McKinley loves being a trustee of Princeton Seminary because she loves the church, and understands the Seminary's mission as being in service to the church. Her understanding is grounded in the Seminary's foundational document, its mission statement: the Seminary "offers its scholarship in service to God's renewal of the church's life and mission."

The mission statement, and the strategic plan through which it is implemented, address what McKinley believes is the key question for trustees in providing oversight and leadership: What is Princeton Theological Seminary's mission?

"We are not a school of religion, or the religion department of a university," she says. "Our students don't just study for intellectual pursuit, but for the sake of ministry. We teach them how to 'think' the faith in order to better help the church 'live' the faith. Our resources as a seminary are not just ours, but the church's."

Preparing men and women for ministry in the church and the world means that for McKinley, students are at the center. She chairs the Board's Committee on Student Life, and urges her Board colleagues to understand the institution's finances and its curriculum in terms of their impact on real people, real students. "It's easy for the Board to get caught up in academics or in financial issues, especially in the economic situation we are in right now. Yet, our central mission is about our students and preparing them for ministry. So financial and academic decisions must be considered with that mission in mind."

McKinley's life is centered in the church's ministry. She came to Princeton as a candidate under the care of San Diego Presbytery, and when she graduated in 1982 was called as assistant pastor of Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where her now fellow trustee

Fred Anderson (M.Div., 1973; D.Min., 1981) was pastor and head of staff. In 1991 she left Pine Street to serve as associate for worship in the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church, where she helped introduce a new hymnal and the *Book of Common Worship*. In 1995 she was called to be pastor of the Old Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, and just this past fall became pastor and head of staff of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean, Virginia.

Along the way, McKinley has valued supervising students from Princeton and other seminaries in field education placements in her congregations. "I have loved working with seminarians," she says, "helping them step into who God is calling them to be. I want the depth of joy I have experienced in ministry for all of our students, and I want Princeton to give them the very best tools for ministry that we can give."

For example, she believes the Seminary tries to help students learn to think theologically about stewardship, not just give them a good stewardship program.

McKinley joined the Board of Trustees seven years ago as an alumni/ae trustee, elected by her fellow graduates. She served for three years, through 2003–2004, and was a member of the search committee that brought Iain Torrance to Princeton as its sixth president. After a year off, in 2005 she was elected a charter trustee.

She greatly values working as a colleague and partner of President Torrance. "Iain has helped Princeton Seminary move onto the international stage, much like former presidents Mackay and McCord did. Today the world is so different, with almost instant access to other parts of the world. There is so much we can receive, and so much we can offer." She believes the Seminary's new library embodies what Princeton can offer the world. "The new library will both be a resource for students on campus," she says, "and it will allow people with laptops in Asia to access

resources they would not otherwise have."

McKinley values the cross-cultural exchanges that are possible for both faculty and students, and believes these help prepare students for ministry on a world stage.

McKinley traveled to China with PTS Board members several years ago and found churches "jam-packed," with widescreen TVs in the courtyards to reach overflow crowds. While still a state-controlled church, the church in China is just one of the growing churches in the global South and Asia that can teach churches in America and Europe, which are declining, what God is calling the church to be in this century.

Of great interest to McKinley is the Seminary's involvement, through President Torrance, in Christian-Muslim dialogue. She values Torrance's commitment to thinking about theological education in new ways. "It is not just the content of the classes that is important to him," she says, "although we know that at Princeton the content is always excellent. It is also the form, the pedagogy, how classes are taught. Students need to learn how to do original research, how to collaborate, integrate, and work across disciplines." For McKinley, that's how ministry is done today, and the kind of ministry that will ensure a thriving church in the future. ✱



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*Trustees—Princeton's Strongest Supporters***Francisco Garcia-Treto**

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

In 1950 thirteen-year-old Francisco Garcia-Treto found himself living in Payne Hall at Princeton Theological Seminary while his father, superintendent of the Cuban Presbyterian Church, studied at PTS for a year. Garcia-Treto returned to the United States when his university studies in Cuba were interrupted by the government in 1955. He attended Maryville College in Tennessee. "I was just going to be there for a year and get my English, and be a chemical engineer," he says, "but all the time I was wrestling with an alternative career choice." When he decided to go to seminary, he changed his major to philosophy and took classical Greek, so that when he came to Princeton Seminary as a Master of Divinity student in 1959, he started Hebrew right away. "I fell in love with the language," he says, "and I decided I wanted to teach Old Testament."

That calling to teach was forged in Princeton Seminary's classrooms as a Hebrew teaching assistant, and also in his field education. Garcia-Treto hadn't been on campus long when he received a call from J. Christie Wilson, director of fieldwork and associate professor of ecumenics. Wilson told him that Union Seminary in New York needed a Spanish-speaking student for the East Harlem Protestant Parish Project. There Garcia-Treto worked with Letty Russell, one of the first women ordained in the United Presbyterian Church. "I grew up in Havana, I knew what urban poverty was, but I had never seen the American variety...or the diversity of the United States," he says. "I think in part because of that experience I've had a lifelong conviction that the church can really be active and effective in social work."

After earning his M.Div. in 1962, Garcia-Treto pursued his doctorate at PTS, graduating in 1966. "I was at the TBA, and someone came up to me and said, 'Dr. McCord wants to see you,'" Garcia-Treto says. "McCord said to me, 'Frank, have you

ever been to Texas?' I said, 'No, Sir.' He handed me a letter and said, 'I think you'll like it.'" The letter was from James Laurie, the president of Trinity University in San Antonio, inviting Garcia-Treto to teach there.

Garcia-Treto was professor of religion at Trinity for forty years. With R. Douglas Brackenridge he is author of *Iglesia Presbiteriana: A History of Presbyterians and Mexican Americans in the Southwest* (Trinity University Press, 1974). An ordained Presbyterian minister, Garcia-Treto was a participant in the PBS program *Genesis: A Living Conversation with Bill Moyers*.

The role of Hispanics in the church is an important concern for Garcia-Treto. "McCord...was a Texan, and much more than people at the time in the East, he was aware of the presence of Hispanics in the church," says Garcia-Treto. "One reason I was asked to be on the Board was that McCord wanted Latina/o representation," he says. Garcia-Treto participated in the founding of the Hispanic Theological Initiative, and helped bring it to Princeton in 1999. That same year then-president Tom Gillespie and the Board of Trustees established the Garcia-Treto Faculty Fellowship as part of the Hispanic Summer Program (HSP), an itinerant program for Latina/o graduate students in theology and religion.

For eighteen of his years on the Board, Garcia-Treto was either vice chair or chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, where his expertise as an academic was highly valued. In 2000–2001 he was invited to teach courses in Latina/o biblical exegesis at the Seminary as a visiting scholar.

Garcia-Treto says he gives to Princeton Seminary because it has always given much more to him. "Having been a trustee for this many years, there's one thing I understand clearly: no matter how large the endowment, there's never going to come a point where any institution can long survive or thrive without the financial input of its alumni/ae and friends," he says. "Even now [in this



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economy] our endowment is a daunting sum of money. But...it's incredible how costly it is to keep a seminary going, and I say that having been acquainted with other seminaries that aren't so fortunate, some of which have had to close."

Garcia-Treto's hope for Princeton is that it continues to be a leader and resource for the world church. "I remember former President Mackay from my vantage point growing up in Latin America," says Garcia-Treto. "The Cuban church knew about him and respected him immensely. President McCord was involved in the ecumenical movement, and gave us a sense that the Seminary was serving the church and the world, and was not a regional Presbyterian seminary. With Iain Torrance, I'm beginning to sense that's what's going on."

As a member of the Committee on Trustees of the Board, Garcia-Treto helps to recruit new members. "I have here on my desk a file of Hispanic alumni/ae," Garcia-Treto says, "because I'm interested in having Hispanic trustees. I'm not getting any younger." In fact 2012 will be the fiftieth anniversary of Garcia-Treto's Seminary class, and his seventy-fifth birthday, so he'll become a trustee emeritus. "It promises a lot of things in my life converging, and it goes to show what a place Princeton Seminary has had in my life," he says. ★



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Keeping alumni/ae connected to the Seminary and contributing prayerfully and financially to its future is a task too big for one person. Since 1978 class stewards have volunteered to help keep their class in communication with the Seminary, and to help raise money for the Annual Fund. In October current class stewards had their annual meeting on the day before reunion. The group heard from Professor Daniel Migliore about "The Generosity of God," talked with administrators about the Seminary's present and future goals, and talked with Claire Noon, director of development, about encouraging more alumni/ae to connect to the Seminary and to give to the Annual Fund. For more information about class stewards, or to give to the Annual Fund, contact Claire Noon, director of development, at [claire.noon@ptsem.edu](mailto:claire.noon@ptsem.edu) or 1.800.622.6767, ext. 7756. ✱

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*Revelation 14:13*

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July 31, 2008  
Portland, Oregon

**1955:** Ronald L. McDuffie  
August 17, 2008  
Three Lakes, Wisconsin

Foster Wilson  
January 9, 2008  
Red Bank, New Jersey

**1956:** Donald W. Bracken  
March 16, 2008  
Frederick, Maryland

Herbert H. Dongell  
October 23, 2008  
Central, South Carolina

John A. Johnston  
January 10, 2008  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

**1957:** Thomas E. Heinlein  
August 8, 2008  
Akron, Ohio

Virginia Stokes Jones  
September 23, 2008  
Washington DC

Vernon H. Neufeld  
July 18, 2008  
Bakersfield, California



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John R. Topping Jr.  
August 3, 2008  
Oakton, Virginia

**1958:** Robert C. Hicks  
May 19, 2008  
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Martin B. Olsen  
October 14, 2007  
Chatham, Illinois

**1959:** Joseph J. Harber  
June 28, 2008  
Lexington, Kentucky

Robert E. Wettstone  
July 22, 2008  
Troy, Ohio

**1961:** Richard A. Snyder  
July 5, 2008  
DeKalb, Illinois

**1963:** Linn J. Creighton  
July 29, 2008  
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Duane P. Holloran  
May 3, 2008  
Phoenix, Arizona

**1965:** Melvin L. Boring  
September 12, 2008  
Eastsound, Washington

Gail Buchwalter King  
February 16, 2008  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Jerome J. Leksa  
March 17, 2008  
Wheaton, Illinois

**1966:** Lewis E. Bender  
November 18, 2008  
High Point, North Carolina

William W. Fletcher  
September 2, 2008  
Lower Gwynedd, Pennsylvania

M. Douglas Swendseid  
January 24, 2008  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**1967:** Leslie Borsay  
November 23, 2008  
Jefferson, Iowa

Donald R. Caughey  
July 10, 2004  
Tucson, Arizona

**1968:** James Campbell  
August 24, 2008  
Maryville, Tennessee

Erling A. Jacobson  
September 4, 2008  
Sun City, Arizona

**1969:** George M. Docherty  
November 27, 2008  
Alexandria, Pennsylvania

**1972:** Gilbert L. Bender  
August 10, 2008  
Independence, Missouri

J. Val Hastings  
October 31, 2007  
Millersville, Pennsylvania

**1973:** Lincoln D. Hurst  
November 11, 2008  
Davis, California

Gale W. Moser  
May 16, 2008  
Titusville, New Jersey

**1975:** Richmond J. Egan  
January 12, 2008  
Atlanta, Georgia

**1976:** Carl K. Towley  
January 14, 2009  
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

**1980:** Mary C. Brown  
May 20, 2008  
Atlanta, Georgia

**1981:** Alfred C. Acer  
June 13, 2008  
Eatontown, New Jersey

Karen A. Blomberg  
July 21, 2008  
Alexandria, Virginia

George Kent McCain  
March 6, 2008  
Boulder, Colorado

**1982:** Aedan Manning  
May 14, 2008  
Hyattsville, Maryland

**1984:** Stephen D. Eastin  
August 4, 2008  
Mandan, North Dakota

**1985:** Kenneth Martin  
February 28, 2008  
Cold Springs, Ontario, Canada

Frank Stephens Jr.  
December 31, 2008  
Yeadon, Pennsylvania

**1986:** Anne C. Shelley  
February 9, 2008  
Rock Hill, South Carolina

**1991:** Dana Ferguson Myers  
October 27, 2008  
Oak Park, Illinois

**2000:** William Gaffney Jr.  
December 29, 2008  
Orlando, Florida

## FACULTY

Dean R. Hoge  
September 13, 2008  
Baltimore, Maryland

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July 5, 2008  
Trafford, Pennsylvania

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November 29, 2008  
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# THE BLACK CHURCH TRADITION

## A Continuing Political Legacy

BY YOLANDA PIERCE

On the evening of November 4, 2008, African American churches all over the country sponsored election-return-watching parties; these churches, large and small, erupted into celebration when the election was called for Barack Obama. This image is particularly powerful if you know that it was in the black church, within the walls of some of these very sanctuaries, that African Americans first began to realize their political and human agency. And it is the power of the black church tradition that Barack Obama, a twenty-first-century politician, continues to draw on for inspiration and guidance.

The black church historically provided a gathering place in which African Americans could dream big dreams, and these big dreams gave rise to property ownership and educational institutions. The very first black schools, colleges, and universities were church-affiliated, and the very ground on which eighteenth- and nineteenth-century black churches were built often represented the first step to home ownership and property rights (and thus, voting rights). The pulpit of the black church historically birthed some of our country's greatest speakers and statesmen, who drew on biblical imagery and wielded it with the cadences and rhythms unique to the black experience. The rituals and freedom of the black church gave black women power and authority as they negotiated the politics of both race and gender. The black church, for more than 300 years, was the center of religious, social, and cultural life for African Americans.

So as I watched the celebrations on election night at these churches, my soul reflected on the 300 years of political power and religious witness that the black church represents. These Christian churches celebrating an Obama victory believe in the eschatological hope of a better world that is to come; but they also believe in an

ever-present God of peace and justice in this earthly world. In 1787, Absalom Jones, Richard Allen, and others left the white St. George's Methodist Church because of the racism they experienced there, and they went on to found the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, the oldest black denomination. These men were drawing on their belief in a God who could establish a just kingdom on this earth, as it is in heaven. So on election night in 2008, I witnessed men and women throughout the nation celebrating the notion that they were just one step closer to that vision. And they were responding to a man who evoked the black church tradition in his speech.

When Barack Obama accepted the Democratic nomination for president in Denver, his rhetoric was as lively as any minister. He quoted Baptist preacher Martin Luther King Jr. when he said, "We cannot walk alone...and as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back." In his campaign speeches, Obama referenced Frederick Douglass, an AME preacher, when he said, "Don't think for a minute that power will concede anything." As Douglass reminds us in his 1845 slave memoir, "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." It is no accident that Obama chose to pay homage to two of the greatest ministers that the black church tradition has produced.

Barack Obama is international and cosmopolitan; he is biracial and multiethnic; he is highly intelligent and sophisticated. And yet, the strength of the people, the words, and the rhythms of the black church are also a part of what has made him who he is. It is a part of what has made America what America is. We, as a nation, are a people of many faiths, religious traditions, creeds, and doctrines. And that diversity is our strength. The black church remains a forceful institution, alongside many other

organizations and institutions, devoted to the cause of peace and justice for all people. But we cannot forget that the black church is also a living witness, a historical reminder that the Christian church can, and must, produce men and women committed to being visionaries, servant-leaders, and active agents for social change.

Barack Obama is just one man. As president for the next four years, he will be faced with some of the toughest economic and social conditions that this nation has ever known. He will make many mistakes and missteps. We, as a nation, will make a judgment in a few short years as to the effectiveness of Obama's political leadership. But my prayer is that the hope and the energy and the change that fueled his campaign, stirred the skeptics, and inspired the disenfranchised will be the same hope, energy, and change that Obama brings to bear on his decisions for our nation. He is the product of an enduring political and religious legacy that extends from David Walker to Anna Julia Cooper to Martin Luther King Jr. to Barbara Jordan. President Barack Obama is standing on the shoulders of giants. ▀

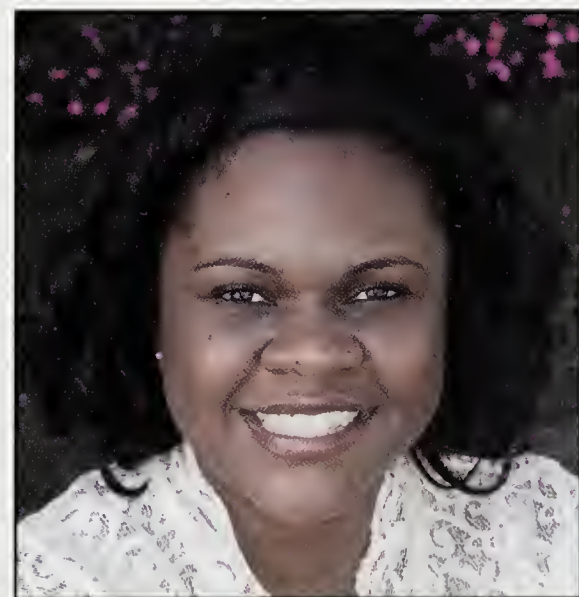


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# CALENDAR

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## Concert: "A Sacrifice of Praise"

**Sunday, March 29**

A service of thanks for the life of John Calvin and his gifts to the worship life of the church featuring Philip Orr, composer, Cornelius Plantinga, preacher, and the choirs of Nassau Presbyterian Church, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, and PTS. This concert is part of the event "Calvin, Worship, and Church Music: Glad Surprises for the Church Today."  
6:00 p.m., Miller Chapel

## Continuing Education Event: "Calvin, Worship, and Church Music: Glad Surprises for the Church Today"

**Monday, March 30**

Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, keynote speaker  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Erdman Center of Continuing Education  
For more information, call 609.497.7990, or email [coned@ptsem.edu](mailto:coned@ptsem.edu).

## The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture: "Imagination and Race in the Age of Obama"

**Thursday, April 9**

Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr., William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Department of Religion, Princeton University, lecturer  
7:00 p.m., Miller Chapel

## The Abraham Kuyper Lecture and Prize: "Religion and Science: Where the Conflict Really Lies"

**Thursday, April 16**

Dr. Alvin Plantinga, John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, lecturer  
7:30 p.m., Miller Chapel

## David A. Weadon Memorial Concert: "The Octave of Easter"

**Sunday, April 19**

7:30 p.m., Miller Chapel

A service of readings, choral anthems, and congregational hymns celebrating the Easter season, led by the Princeton Seminary choir.

## Baccalaureate

**Friday, May 22**

3:00 p.m., Nassau Presbyterian Church

## Commencement Exercises

**Saturday, May 23**

4:00 p.m., Princeton University Chapel



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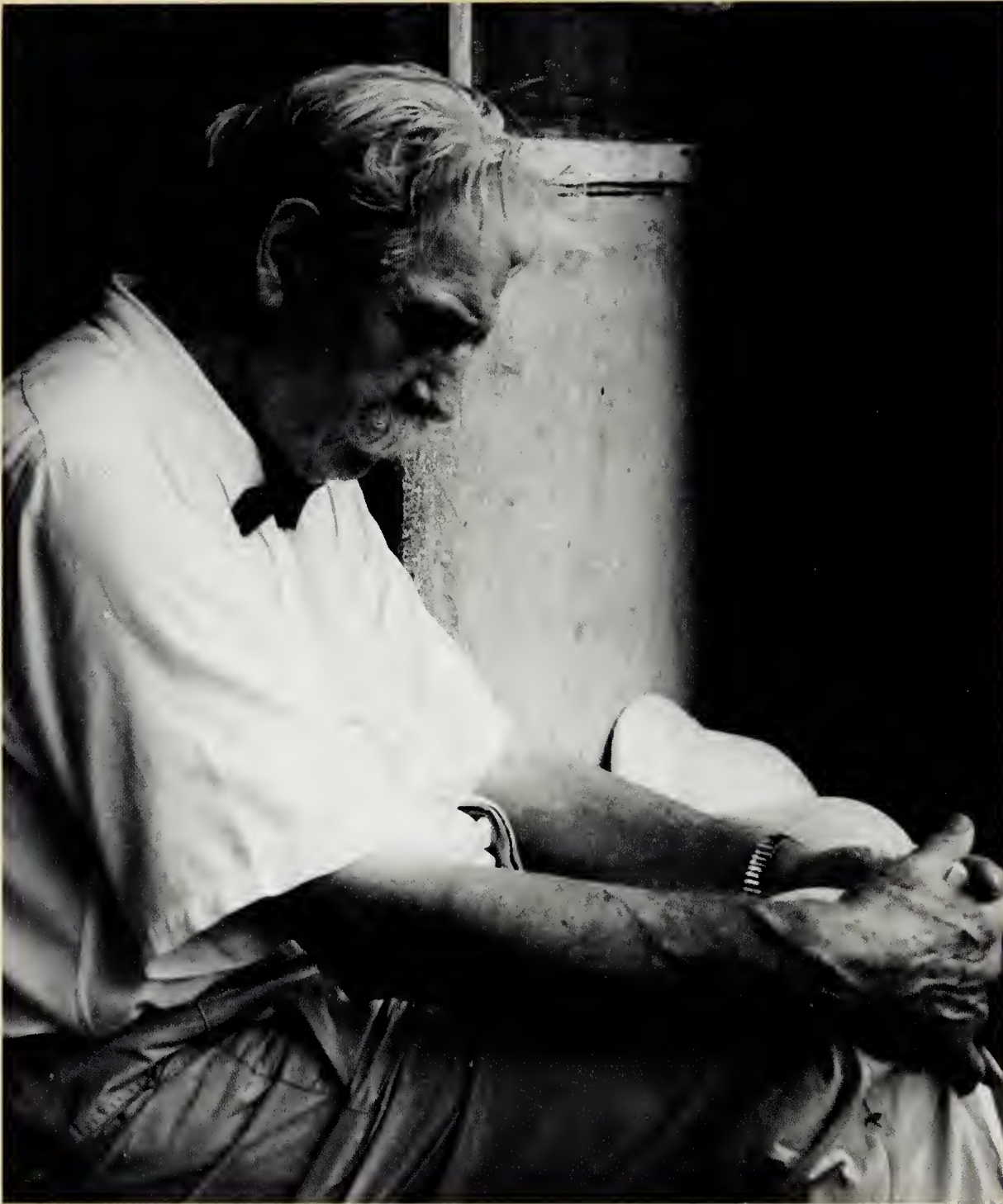
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#### PRINCETON IN PHOTOS

"Visiting Hours at Lambaréné: Photographic Reminiscences of Albert Schweitzer, 1961–1963" is currently on display at Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery through Sunday, November 8. The exhibit commemorates the sixtieth anniversary of Schweitzer's only visit to the United States in 1949, when *Time* magazine celebrated him as "the man of the century."

The photographs were taken by Princeton Seminary alumnus Joel Mattison (Class of 1954), a physician, and his wife, Jean Mattison, a medical technician, who assisted Schweitzer at the hospital in the 1960s. The photographs were given by the Mattisons to the Special Collections of Princeton Seminary.



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# LETTERS

## From the President's desk

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Whenever I go to speak to groups of alums, these days I am always asked the same question: "How is Princeton Seminary doing during the market downturn?" The answer is: "Thanks to the mercy of God, we are more than holding our own." But that's only the first part of the answer.

Ever since I came to Princeton in July 2004, with the wonderful assistance of John Gilmore, whom I admire so much, I have tried to reduce our dependence on the endowment.

By May 2008, we had got our spending rate down to 3.78 percent. That was, thank God, a good place to be when the markets

entered such turmoil. Our endowment has lost around \$350 million, but because we started from a low base and had already done much to control expenditure, we enter 2009–10 with a spending rate of 5.14 percent, which is much lower than that of many schools. To achieve this, we had to take an extra \$4.28 million out of the operating budget. That wasn't easy. John Gilmore and I spoke to all budget holders asking them to remove twenty percent from non-personnel budgets. The really

astonishing thing is that working together we almost did it. Again, I thank God for this. It is the Seminary's individual budget holders, dozens and dozens of them, unheralded and often under-recognized, who made this possible. They could not have acted more responsibly, with less complaint or with greater trust. So there's the fuller answer: that's how we are coping with the financial crisis, and I write this as a tribute to the faithfulness of our staff. I could not ask for better, more trusted colleagues. They rose to a difficult challenge and overcame it. This is to honor them. The struggle isn't over by any means. We may have to operate for years with a much constrained budget. Operating positively in adverse circumstances means keeping an eye on our real priorities, spending less and raising more.

I never stop being amazed at the activity, vitality, and resilience of this school. We have just come through our ten-year accreditation and all of our degree programs have been re-accredited for the next ten years. That is a significant milestone, and all of us are indebted to the Self Study team and especially to Nancy Lammers Gross, who shepherded the process. We have been told—entirely understandably—that we are to improve in the area of student evaluation, and that we can show more imagination in our communication and in finding opportunities for shared governance, and we will.

On another matter, a spoof newsletter on campus last November opened wounds all year, and opened our eyes also to the

fragility, yet irreplaceable value, of our common life together.

In July we said farewell to five members of the faculty: Dan Migliore, Geddes Hanson, Don Capps, Chuck Bartow, and Abigail Evans. They, with Randy Nichols, whose retirement we also honored, collectively served the school for more than 180 years. Kathie Sakenfeld has stepped down from directing our Ph.D. program after twenty-five years. The debt we owe them is incalculable. The faculty is constantly creative: Sally Brown's *Cross Talk* and Rick Osmer's *Practical Theology* have been placed on national must-read lists for pastors. Dick Fenn has produced a new book, *Key Thinkers in the Sociology of Religion*. Gordon Mikoski's *Baptism and Christian Identity* has just been published. Ellen Charry has just sent off her typescript on *Theology and Happiness* to Eerdmans. In just two months, Stacy Johnson's *John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century* has become a Presbyterian best-seller. This summer Wentzel van Huyssteen was honored by the University of Stellenbosch and Jim Charlesworth was honored by the Philippine Christian University.

These are difficult times, but the Seminary will endure and continue to excel, thanks to the blessing of God and not least to the faithfulness and trust of those who manage our budgets so unselfishly.

Yours sincerely,

*Iain Torrance*  
Iain R. Torrance

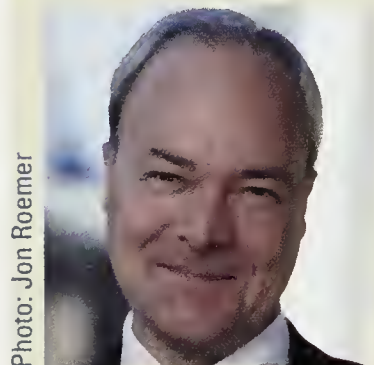


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## Remembering Cullen Story

Cullen's and my life became interwoven from the moment I arrived from Australia at Princeton Seminary in January 1984 and he was appointed the supervisor for my Th.M. in New Testament studies. I rapidly recognized him as a godly and extraordinarily dedicated teacher.... I took several courses from Cullen and the combination of his love and high expectations drove me deep into the scriptures. But the most memorable time

from Princeton days came when he agreed to do a private reading course through Justin Martyr's writings in Greek. Hard work and laughter met as our hearts were bonded and the friendship was established that remained over the years that followed.

About three years after Karen and I returned to Australia we sensed God's call to the Middle East, and the intertwining of our lives was renewed as we learned of Cullen and Wilma's years at the Near East School

of Theology (NEST) in Beirut. Upon each visit from the Middle East to the United States we visited the Storys until their declining health made this impossible. One of the most enjoyable visits was during their stay in Kentucky, where Cullen joined Karen and me in singing an Arab hymn at their church, and we were amazed with his continued fluency after so many years of absence from the Middle East. Cullen and Wilma partnered with us in prayer and financial support and regular



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correspondence, all of which has been an ongoing encouragement over our time of missionary service. When I joined the faculty at NEST there was a sense in which a full circle had been made complete.

I now serve as a teacher educator and as I speak of teacher excellence I think of Cullen Story as a model to follow, not least in that essential teacherly quality of love—love for the students one teaches, love for the subject, and, most important in Cullen's case, his love for the Master whom he followed faithfully and diligently throughout his life. The goal of every believer is to become like Christ, and Cullen was that sort of model for me—head, heart, and hands. I will deeply miss him—but I will never forget him.

*Perry Shaw*

*Beirut, Lebanon*



### Not So Far Apart

Just received the latest issue of *inSpire*, thank you. I appreciated Barbara Chaapel's article on pages 30–31, "Talking Together in the Tent of Abraham." I look forward to reading the web pages you referred to on scriptural reasoning and from President Torrance's inauguration. Thanks for that too.

I have been a Commissioned Lay Preacher/Pastor (CLP) since 1991, initially in the Presbytery of Utah. When a CLP moves from one presbytery to another, he or she must abide by the rules of the new presbytery. I had to provide my Statement of Faith. Part of it read:

"I believe that the church is that body of people who have heard God speaking and have chosen, of their own free will, to follow God's teaching. I also believe that, since all people were created equal by God, there may be more than one way to come to know God. For me, belief in God as revealed by Jesus, and with guidance of the Holy Spirit, is the way."

The committee on CLPs had a problem with this, and sent me to the Committee on Ministry, who also had a problem, and were split 50/50. So I was sent to the presbytery and grilled by the commissioners for thirty minutes. Eventually I was approved (roughly

2:1, I'm told) and have now served as a volunteer chaplain at our local hospital for about three years.

The more we talk together the more we will come to realize that we are not so far apart after all.

Thanks again.  
*Archie Stevenson*  
*Longmont, Colorado*



### True Community

Thank you for Heather Roote Faller's article "The Spirit Moves in Multicultural Ways" (fall 2008/winter/spring 2009), where you highlighted Church of All Nations (CAN) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am a newly elected elder at CAN, and would like to offer a few personal insights.

I was born in Malaysia to a Chinese Christian family, and came to the U.S. for college. Since then, my journey has taken me from a conservative neo-Pentecostal university in Oklahoma, to graduate and law school in Atlanta, Georgia, and now to the UCC-chartered United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, where I teach ethics. This journey has shown me that the Reign of God must be multicultural, and by extension, it must also be multi-theological. Our pastor, Jin S. Kim, takes the cultural construction of theology seriously, and so at CAN we not only tolerate but celebrate the diversity of theologies in the Christian church. This makes CAN a true community for people like me who have lived in a number of theological and cultural settings. At CAN I have found that

I can worship with integrity and affirm the various parts of myself and my journeys.

My family is biracial, and I want to raise my children as free from racism as possible. We feel at home at CAN, and my daughters have the privilege of making friends with

children from around the world in an excellent children's ministry.

Last but not least, the blessings that come with being a church that includes more than twenty-five nationalities is especially evident in our amazing potluck meals.

*Sharon M. Tan*  
*New Brighton, Minnesota*



### Corrections to the Fall 2008/Winter/Spring 2009 issue:

*On page 3, the husband of Eileen Gergsten Remington is Robert A. Remington, not Robert A. Bennington.*

*On page 52, the church pastored by the Reverend Thomas Sweet is Madeira-Silverwood Presbyterian Church, not Madison Silverwood Presbyterian Church.*

*On page 18, the photo of President Torrance with Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and other clergy (below) is not from the "Common Word" conference, but from the Lambeth Conference 2008, where President Torrance was a representative of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.*



*Finally, on page 60, Princeton Seminary alumnus Donald Reed Caughey (Class of 1967) is alive and well; inSpire offers condolences on the death of his father, Donald Randolph Caughey.*



# inSpire INTERACTIVE

## Graduation Memories

In May, 209 students graduated from Princeton Seminary, joining the more than 9,000 alumni/ae serving around the country and the world. For this *inSpire* interactive, we invited readers to share one moment from their graduation: a poignant or funny moment, a wise word from the commencement speaker, or a family memory. We received more than one hundred responses, and many graduates in the same class remembered the same moment from their commencement day. We thank everyone for their contributions; all responses appear in the online version of the magazine.



William Sloane Coffin was the speaker for my graduation in 1968. The one thing that I have never forgotten was his benediction. He said, "May God deny you peace and grant you glory." It is a haunting and challenging memory. Being denied peace has caused me some sleepless nights, but it has certainly been a honing device in my work and faith. I would be very careful whom I blessed with these words, but I am grateful for the restlessness that it has instigated at times in my life.

*Mary McKemy (M.A., 1968)*  
*St. Augustine, Florida*



The speaker for our Class of 1949 was to have been Peter Marshall. He died, and the fill-in was Eugene Carson Blake, at that time pastor of the Pasadena church. I am sure that the message was fine. Yet, it was a line from President John Mackay's short message that I remember the most—"Remember God's grace."

*James Emerson Jr. (M.Div., 1949)*  
*San Francisco, California*



In all honesty, the one specific moment that I remember about my graduation in 1949 was when the announcement was made: "The New Testament Fellowship Prize has been won by John H. Houdeshel." The prize was \$1,000 for graduate study, which meant that I could return to the campus in the fall and begin work with Dr. Bruce Metzger, which resulted in my receiving the Th.M. degree at the 1950 commencement. It was sixty years ago, but I still feel a bit of a thrill when recalling it.

*John H. Houdeshel (M.Div., 1949; Th.M., 1950)*  
*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*

After the commencement ceremony I saw President Gillespie outside of the chapel. I went over to greet him. He congratulated me and said, "What are you going to do now?" I replied, "Well, I'm going to go back to my room and pack up the rest of my stuff." He then had a puzzled look on his face. I think given the education I had just completed, he was looking for something more from my answer!

*Rich Knight (M.Div., 1985)*  
*York, Maine*



I shall never forget the most impressive speech of our great president Dr. John Mackay at commencement in 1959. He said something like this: "You finished your study at Princeton, and are now going out from here. But this is the commencement, the beginning, not the end. Now let us be pilgrims of Christ, and go out to the world." After studies at Princeton, I had a chance to study at the Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, in Switzerland, and at the Evangelical Academy in Bad Boll, Germany, learning ecumenism deeply and widely before returning to Japan. I thank Dr. Mackay deeply.

*Haruo (Harry) Saeki (Th.M., 1959)*  
*Osaka, Japan*



Either at my graduation or one I attended, German theologian Helmut Thielicke told how he was preaching during World War II when bombs started going off overhead. For safety, he instructed the congregation to kneel under the pews. Soon someone began singing Bach's *Jesu, Meine Freude* (Jesus, My Joy); others joined in, some on key, some off key. Then, the organist reached up from under the console and started to play. During this cacophony people began to giggle until laughter erupted with the bombs exploding. Thielicke offered this as a paradigm for the difference between joy and happiness, as Paul wrote, "I am overjoyed in all our affliction" (2 Cor. 7:4). I have drawn on Thielicke's story

throughout my ministry. You can hear the hymn at [http://www.schillerinstitute.org/music/jesu\\_meine\\_text.html](http://www.schillerinstitute.org/music/jesu_meine_text.html).

*Kent Ira Groff (M.Div., 1967)*  
*Denver, Colorado*



President Gillespie's last graduation message was a blaze of fire—dragon fire. During the service, lessons were read from Ezekiel and Revelation and I wondered what on earth could be drawn from them appropriate for graduates heading for a lifetime of ministry. But when it came to his message he spoke of his coffee-station cartoon: No matter how hard you work, no matter how right you are, sometimes the dragon wins. There will be trials and defeats on the journey of ministry because we live in a sinful world, but, in the end, the dragon loses to the Lamb (whoops and hollers from students!). These wise words have stayed with me, and although I have had personal experience with the first part of the message, the second part continues to give me hope in the ultimate triumph of Christ. How my skepticism about the lessons was blown away!

*Jared Hay (D.Min., 2004)*  
*Edinburgh, Scotland*



I often remind myself of the powerful graduation message that President Gillespie preached at Princeton University Chapel. He said we should put aside and move past regretful feelings and experiences during our seminary days. At such a joyous time, I was disappointed in myself for a grade that slipped just beyond my grasp. His words cut past my sulking and rooted themselves deeply into my heart. Whenever I miss the mark, I think about those words of grace, which puts everything into perspective—the gospel ministry lived out in real time. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

*Daniel F. Flores (M.Div., 2002)*  
*Fort Worth, Texas*



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My graduation memories from 1977 are family-based. So many classmates seemed like brothers and sisters. My wife was pregnant with our second child and held the first, nearly three by then, in her arms during the ceremony. My father participated in the service, and so the sense of PTS as home became even more clear. As Jim McCord conferred my degree, I felt the passing of the faith from generation to generation. I could not have guessed that thirty years later two of our children would receive the same degree at the same place for the same call to the same larger church family. These are rich and life-giving memories.

*Paul G. Watermulder (M.Div., 1977)*  
*Burlingame, California*



These are "wise words" remembered from commencement speaker Fred Buechner, which I have used many times over the years in sermons, "Be kind. Be kind. Be kind." These words have served me well over the past twenty-five years of parish ministry.

*Cynthia Warner Crowell (M.Div., 1984)*  
*Pasadena, California*



Having sat through the multi-hour commencement service at the University Chapel with our three sub-eight-year-old sons, my wife noted that I received the last degree ever awarded by James Iley McCord. Because it was his last year as president, because they went through the various degrees culminating in the Ph.D., and because within each degree category they proceeded alphabetically, by the time they got to a Ph.D. candidate whose name began with "ZY," not only did everyone applaud with relief, but it also marked the last degree presented by President McCord, a true campus giant and icon.

*Carl E. Zylstra (Ph.D., 1983)*  
*Sioux Center, Iowa*



John Mackay told us to "Feed His [Jesus'] sheep."

*Chip Steele (M.Div., 1971)*  
*New Concord, Ohio*



The M.Div. Class of 1971 lived through the student protests surrounding Kent State, and our disappointment with the Seminary's lack of institutional response to the bombing of Cambodia and the killing of innocent students. In protest, some of us decided to go to commencement without cap and gown. My parents surprised me by coming from California to attend the ceremony. Tradition was important to them, even if it was not important to me, and I spent the weekend trying, with no luck, to get the pulpit robe they had purchased for me from New York to Princeton. In the end, I was in a coat and tie instead of a cap and gown.

*Randy Riggs (M.Div., 1971)*  
*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*



I graduated twice. The thing that's remained with me from 1980 until now is the graduation bulletin that year. The final hymn was "A Mighty Fortress." Here we were, tassels turned, charge delivered, singing our faith as we headed out to our churches. Everything was fine except for the very last stanza, where one little 't' had been omitted.

The final stanza in the bulletin read,

That word above all earthly powers, no  
thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through  
Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this *moral*  
life also;  
The body they may kill, God's truth  
abideth still.  
His kingdom is forever.

I've always thought of that typo as a little wink from God, addressed to newly minted pastors headed to their first calls. "Yes, friends, I know what it's like in the church nowadays! I want you to go anyway!"

*Mark Durrett (M.Div., 1979; Th.M., 1980)*  
*Sumter, South Carolina*



I remember that day vividly because it was a day I least expected in my life. To crown my joy on that day, my husband came from Nigeria, and two missionaries I had worked with in Nigeria came from Iowa. My daughter, her husband, and their two children drove all the way from Washington DC to be with me. There were also other friends and family members that came, but the baccalaureate sermon by

Dr. Brian Blount has remained the theme for my ministry: Through Christ that strengthens me I have continued to "pick a fight" and spread the mandate of Christ that we are to be "salt" and "light" in the world. I am convinced that my ministry and life took a new turn for the better after that commencement in 2005 and I am thankful to all that made it possible, and most importantly to God, who gave me the opportunity to study at Princeton Seminary.

*Nene Amogu (Th.M., 2005)*

*Abuja, Nigeria*



Our commencement was on a magnificent June day. There was a slight cooling breeze. Princeton University Chapel was resplendent with the pomp and circumstance befitting a seminary graduation. We were all dressed like peacocks in our colorful gowns and tassels. My family was present and we celebrated into the night. For me, it was the end of one journey. Little did I realize that the journey would pass through vastly unexpected places. The next morning, I turned on the morning news to discover that Robert Kennedy had been killed in Los Angeles. He had just won the California primary and in a split second his life was snuffed out. A New York television station had the word "Shame" on its screen for the day. It was an omen of things to come. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy had been assassinated that year. The best of us was killed by the worst in us.

In that moment my ministry had begun where it always begins—at the foot of the cross.

*Alan Minarcik (M.Div., 1968)*  
*Beamsville, Ontario, Canada*



When the Class of 1981 graduated, Dr. Henri Nouwen was the commencement speaker. His sermon, on John 21:15–19, was called "Feed My Sheep," and was deeply serious, though at many moments he had everyone in the University Chapel laughing at his stories. I listened to that sermon on cassette tape every year, at least once, some years three or four times, in the first five years of ministry, because it was filled with ministry-sustaining advice and encouragement. It remains a lifelong memory!

*Edward Carll (M.Div., 1981; Th.M., 1987)*  
*Westfield, New Jersey*



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My mother flew to Princeton for my graduation. It was her first and only time out of Puerto Rico. She was so proud of me, and certainly joyful. She arrived two days before graduation, so I had time to show her around. First, obviously, I took her to the Seminary buildings, the chapel, and the library, and she was impressed with the beauty and splendor of everything. When two days later we arrived at the University Chapel for graduation itself, she asked, "How come the University has two church buildings?" I explained that the chapel we saw earlier belonged to the Seminary, while this chapel belonged to the University. She said, "Then the Seminary and the University are two different things?" adding disappointedly, "I thought you were graduating from a 'real' university." It was then I realized that for two years my mother thought I was a student of Princeton University, and that, in her thinking, the Seminary was not as glamorous as the University. Obviously, after I explained to her the history and fame of PTS, she was again proud of her son.

*César López (M.A., 1984)*  
Aguada, Puerto Rico



I was president of the Class of 1974 and was asked to read the scripture for graduation. Famous preacher Dr. David H.C. Read was the speaker. As the participants marched in and took their places, no Dr. Read (and no cell phones back then). The University Chapel was packed, the organist played on and on, and finally President McCord decided to begin. We sang every hymn twice, and then it was my turn. As I sat down, in his deep Texas drawl Dr. McCord droned in my ear, "I sure wish you had read those verses a lot sloooooower, son." Just then the back doors of the chapel burst open, Dr. Read ran down the aisle, robe flapping in the breeze, and breathlessly assumed his place just in time to speak. He had been caught in a New York City Puerto Rican Day parade.

*Roger Skelley-Watts (M.Div., 1974)*  
Huron, Ohio



I will never forget knowing that one of my classmates had the clapper from the bell in Alexander Hall strapped to his waist under his graduation robe at the commencement ceremony. When my friend's name was called at the graduation, he pulled out the clapper and bowed in front of Dr. Torrance and presented

the clapper to him. Our entire class erupted into applause. It was great!

*Jenn Graffius (M.Div., 2005)*  
Glendora, California



In the 1980s, the store that carried gowns and hoods was located behind Stuart Hall on Alexander Street. For some reason, I happened to get there when the store opened on the day prior to the commencement exercise. I asked for a gown and the price. I was told to pay \$35. I asked if I could have half price for a half day. I was told OK. The late bird caught the worm.

*Tamas Barnabas (Th.M., 1985)*  
Budapest, Hungary



Though it seems superficial to me, the thing I was looking forward to most about graduation was inhabiting the gothic architecture of Princeton's chapel. While I appreciated the everyday simplicity of Miller Chapel, the soaring height and luminous stained glass of the chapel seemed the perfect space in which to celebrate the culmination of our work. And so it was with a terrible, sinking disappointment that I entered through a grid of ladders only to face massive scaffolding defacing half of the chapel. It looked like a thousand giant robotic spiders were waiting to pounce. What the heck? What was this? This was not my mystical moment. This was not my I-know-I-don't-go-to-the-"real"-Princeton-but-I-at-least-want-to-feel-like-it-once atmosphere. This was the everyday intruding into what was supposed to feel like once-in-a-lifetime. This was incompleteness incarnate. This—this was a work in progress.

And, of course, so were we. Each one of us in our once-in-a-lifetime finery would soon come to know the ordinary pain and beauty of everyday ministry. Each of us was wondrously incomplete. Each of us was, and is, and ever shall be, a work in progress. It took me a few years to see it, but the scaffolding I hated so much at the time has become the most meaningful aspect of that entire night to me.

*Ken Evers-Hood (M.Div., 2001)*  
Tualatin, Oregon



During my senior year, then-President McCord and I had a running repartee, which usually ended in me having the last word. During the graduation ceremony, I went forward to receive my diploma and Dr. McCord said to me, "Congratulations, Mary. It's a miracle!" His comment left me speechless. The

next day I ran into him on campus and told him how unfair that was, to which he replied, "You had the last word all year and when I saw you walking down the aisle; I thought, 'Gotcha!'" I always remember that moment fondly.

*Mary E. Sample (M.Div., 1980)*  
Titusville, Florida



I received my D.Min. in 1988 but was not at commencement. As a navy chaplain I was deployed on the USS *Iwo Jima* to the Mediterranean and Middle East, overlapping the May ceremony. In anticipation of the great event I did procure a robe with the three doctoral stripes to wear in shipboard worship after commencement. In the navy, three thick gold stripes on the sleeve indicate the rank of commander. As I proudly wore my new doctoral striped robe for the first time across the hangar deck of the ship on my way to the worship service, a young sailor stopped me and commented that he had never seen a "commander robe" and asked if all officers had robes. Thereafter, I kept the robe in a bag.

*Bob Phillips (Th.M., 1975; D.Min., 1988)*  
Peoria, Illinois



Commencement, June 6, 1950. Do I remember? Yes, indeed! Finally, Th.D., arduous years after A.B., B.D., M.A., teaching fellow, full-time instructor, and a lengthy thesis, *The Apostle Paul's Concept of Truth*.... Being from South Africa, no relatives came—cost prohibitive. My promoter, Otto A. Piper, was on sabbatical. I had scrambled eggs and toast on Nassau Street. I was not commencing a teaching career, which had already started in 1945. Then an unexpected commencement eight years later—journeying into the Wall Street business world. Some forty years later a commencement into writing and publishing. When the last commencement comes, I hope the diploma will read: "Well done, good and faithful servant..."

*Daniel J. Theron (Ph.D., 1950)*  
Hendersonville, North Carolina



Our son, Dean, was born over reading break the December before I graduated. The whole PTS community—classmates, professors, staff—all welcomed Dean and made a wonderful place for me to complete my education and for Dean to begin his life. Dean



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came to class with me and hung out in Mackay, being passed around to whomever needed "baby therapy." When I graduated, it felt appropriate for four-month-old Dean to "walk" with me. Receiving my degree and shaking President Torrance's hand with Dean on my hip brought my life into a beautiful whole, and I felt loved and blessed to live and learn in a place that made it all possible.

*Amy Morgan (M.Div., 2006)*  
Birmingham, Michigan



I remember Ernie Campbell of Riverside Church giving a sermon on "They Also Serve Who Lead." He was talking about the importance of competent, committed leadership in a generation that saw "servanthood" as antithetical to all of this. I'll never forget his image of the New York diner chef cracking eggs with one hand, stirring batter with the other, keeping straight a dozen orders, all the while chatting up the customers. Ernie said, "THAT's the one I want preparing MY breakfast. Don't give me some well-intended, meek, humble intern."

*Ted Wright (M.Div., 1978)*  
Lusaka, Zambia



One of the most precious moments I remember about graduation day was the presence of three generations: my dad (ordained Presbyterian minister) and mom (elder); my husband, Edward (Th.M., 1991); and our one-year-old Princeton-born son, Dakota. It speaks to the gift of faith reflected in the Deuteronomic call to "recite these words to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away..." It is the gift we offer from one generation to the next. This moment along with the music and words of "The Call" will forever be etched in the memories of my mind and heart. They have shaped a part of my identity.

*Ruth Santana-Grace (M.Div., 1994)*  
Azusa, California



During our first two years at PTS, we Ph.D. students have doctoral seminars in our area of research. Thus, we develop a "sense of department" rather than a "sense of class." Fellow students are likely to write their comprehensive exams and to graduate in different years. Some of us take longer for our dissertations than others. When the time came to defend my dissertation, I had a party afterward. Betty Angelucci arranged for a

lovely room in the Center of Theological Inquiry (CTI), and many people who had a role in that dissertation came to celebrate with me—from the department, from the Ph.D. studies office, from the library, people from town who housed me during visits to PTS after I had moved to Germany, and from CTI itself. As a religious publisher, I gladly invited two of my authors and their wives who were in Princeton at the time! No need to return to graduate.

*Reinhilde Ruprecht (Ph.D., 1998)*  
Goettingen, Germany



I never considered myself a revolutionary. I was a Seminary employee all three years of my M.Div. studies at PTS, and also volunteered with Anne Foster (Meyers) to interpret the Seminary to its benefactors, traveling with President McCord and Vice President Felmeth. But in my senior year I found myself a leader of three protests: one against the Seminary's decision to raise rates for the newly renovated Alexander Hall residents, and another against our class gift because the Seminary refused to discuss the matter of divesting from stocks that supported apartheid in South Africa. It was ironic that Alan Boesak was to be our graduation speaker that May, but the South African authorities refused to let him leave the country. Fortunately, PTS Trustee Dan Thomas stepped up and preached a wonderful sermon. The other protest that year was against the boring social life, so four of us went door-to-door in the dorms collecting a dollar for beer, throwing a memorable party that would be later called The Golden Patrons Party.

*Philip M. Jones (M.Div., 1979)*  
Summit, New Jersey



Sitting in my wheelchair, dressed in my black doctoral robe, awaiting my blue and red hood, I was the very last graduate of the PTS Class of 1956 to receive my degree. It was the Th.D. The officiants were Dr. Alexander Mackay and Dr. Norman Victor Hope. With his microphone open, Dr. Mackay whispered to Dr. Hope, "I must go down for this one!" The audience broke into laughter. It was the climax of the occasion.

*Sylvio J. Scorza (Ph.D., 1956)*  
Orange City, Iowa



On our refrigerator we have a picture of Princeton Seminary graduation, May 2000. There we are, two young kids, me in my robe

and hat, husband and wife having no clue what lay ahead of us. We're celebrating our tenth wedding anniversary this year, and in these nine years of ministry we have often said how grateful we are for those first ten months living at CRW, taking our sabbaths on the road to Maine, New York, or Philadelphia. To this day, some of our closest friends are those who lived nearby in married housing. Blessings to the Class of 2009.

*Allan L. Purtill Jr. (M.Div., 2000)*  
Americus, Georgia



I graduated with an M.Div. in May of 1979. I had taken some time off during my seminary years because I was really burned out as a student, so I didn't graduate with my original class in 1976. As Dr. James McCord shook my hand and handed me the "falsie" diploma, I told him he was giving me a "certificate of perpetual matriculation." He chuckled, and said he was happy to be able to see me graduate with my degree. I enjoy remembering that moment so much, because Dr. McCord was such an important part of my Princeton experience.

*Kathleen O'Hagan (formerly Hagan)*  
(M.Div., 1979)  
Congress, Arizona



My years at PTS were not only a time of theological education but also my first time living in a dorm, my first time of living in a truly multicultural community, and my first time of deliberately making friends from a wide variety of life situations. I remember leaving the graduation ceremony and saying goodbye to people that had been a part of my everyday life for three years. We had shared conversations, classroom experiences, a table now and again at mealtime, a laugh or a cry or an angry shout. I realized I didn't know all their names, and couldn't speak more than a few words in the same language with some of my fellow graduates, but that didn't make the connection less profound or life-changing. I pray for this year's graduates that their time here was blessed that same way, and that they leave PTS as changed people.

*Beth Perry (M.Div., 1994)*  
New York, New York



I thought to myself, "Wow, Dr. Gaventa actually passed me."

*Chip Fields (Th.M., 2004)*  
Sackets Harbor, New York



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## On Mission and Money: Coming to Terms with Christendom

Questions of mission and money are often sensitive topics for churches, a reality that Darrell Guder, Dean of Academic Affairs and Henry Winters Luce Professor of Missional and Ecumenical Theology, addressed in his spring Stewardship and Mission Week lecture, "Mission and Money: The Role of Finances in the Missional Church."

In 1900, approximately seventy percent of the world's Christian population was located in "Christendom," or North Atlantic Christianity. One hundred years later, those numbers are essentially reversed, with the majority of Christians now living in the global south. According to Guder, the legacy of Christendom has left Christians with a unique set of blessings and challenges, including incredible wealth in relation to their non-Western brothers and sisters.

Guder believes that the time has come for those in the global north to revisit their relationship with money. "The question of money and finance is an issue of conversion in the church," he said. "It's not a simple 'how to,' but a profound need for spiritual conversion, to recognize anew the idolatrous nature of wealth and property," said Guder. Yet the Bible itself acknowledges our

ambivalent relationship to money—though wealth was equated with power in the temptation of Jesus, Paul was unashamed to take up a collection of money from the Gentile community for the poor in Jerusalem.

"It's all wrapped up in the question of vocation," said Guder. "There are diverse vocations; there are people who are gifted to earn and to accumulate wealth, and those who are gifted at giving it away."



Professor Darrell Guder

PTS senior Miriam Diephouse-McMillan, who organized the lecture for the Stewardship and Mission Committee, had already faced these issues in field education. "The church where I did my field education is in the middle of a capital campaign," said Diephouse-McMillan. "It raises questions. What does it mean, theologically, to raise money in the church? People in seminary aren't trained to deal with this," she said.

Photo: Len Turner



Photo: Rachel Achtemeier

Princeton University Professor Melissa Harris-Lacewell (left) and PTS Professor Yolanda Pierce

## Gathering at the Table: PTS Celebrates Black History Month

Every year, PTS's Association of Black Seminarians hosts a series of events in celebration of Black History Month. In 2009, as part of this series, nearly fifty people gathered in the Cooper Conference Room at the Center of Continuing Education for "The Kitchen Table Forum," a community conversation modeled after the blog coauthored by Melissa Harris-Lacewell, associate

professor of politics and African American studies at Princeton University, and PTS's Professor Yolanda Pierce. "The question 'Does God love black women?' met us in the areas that we both research and work on—history, politics, religion, and African American studies," said Pierce, Elmer G. Homringhausen Associate Professor of African American Religion and Literature, and liaison with the Princeton University Center for African American Studies.

The question proved to be fertile ground, and the conversation quickly grew. Students and faculty attending the forum participated in a robust dialogue that ranged from the sociology of contemporary black churches to the role of religion in helping African Americans endure slavery.

The month-long celebration of black history also included an opening worship service with homilies by PTS students Anita Wright (Th.M., 2009), M.Div. senior Bankole Akinbinu, and Semaj Vansant (M.Div., 2009), an open-microphone night featuring Seminary talent, and a closing panel discussion in conjunction with Princeton University's Black Graduate Caucus on the topic "The Role of Religion in Contemporary U.S. Politics."

If you are interested in joining Pierce and Harris-Lacewell's ongoing conversation, you can visit their blog, The Kitchen Table, at <http://princetonprofs.blogspot.com>.



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## Exploring Faith in the Public Square

On the heels of the 2008 presidential election, the Erdman Center of Continuing Education and the Hispanic Leadership Program joined forces to offer a spring "Meet the Author" book series on the topic "Faith in the Public Square."

The authors presenting for the series were David Gushee, a Southern Baptist minister and Distinguished University Professor of Christian Ethics at McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia; Jacques Berlinerblau, associate professor and director of the Program for Jewish Civilization at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, who discussed his book *Thumpin' It: The Use and Abuse of the Bible in Today's Presidential Politics*; and Robert P. Jones, president of Public Religion Research and author of *Progressive and Religious: How Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Buddhist Leaders Are Moving beyond the Culture Wars and Transforming Public Life*.

Finding and articulating a moderate, politically independent evangelical center was the aim of Gushee, who discussed his book *The Future of Faith in American Politics: The Witness of the Evangelical Center*. For Gushee, the evangelical center is a growing group of Christians who focus on moral issues and the character of the church over political involvement. It's a stance that challenges so-called "right" and "left" evangelicals. "The work that is most needed now is at the spiritual, moral, and theological level, and less at the political level," said Gushee. "The future of the evangelical community is multiracial, shared efforts with people who are interested in the same vision." According to Gushee, the growing evangelical center opposes torture and inadequate healthcare, and is rooted in an ethic of the sanctity of life that moves beyond any single issue.

The Reverend Hugh Brown, rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton, came to the lecture to experience the dialogue among and about evangelical Christians who act with faith on public policy issues. "There's always the question you get as pastor—can you create a safe space in church to be able to talk about faith and public policy?" said Brown. "I love to be able to bring [these issues] into my own life and religious leadership, and to figure out ways to do that," he said.

The range of opinions presented at the "Meet the Author" series is one of the program's strengths, according to Gabriel Salguero, director of the Hispanic Leadership Program. "These conversations about the changing face of faith in the U.S. public sphere are part of Continuing Education and the Hispanic Leadership Program's commitment to examining the role of a pastor as public person among his or her many pastoral roles," said Salguero.



Photo: Joel Bock

Professors Gordon Mikoski and Ellen Charry

## "Gaza: Frameworks and Conversations"

From January to March, the Seminary responded to the war in the Gaza Strip by inviting the community to participate in a three-part conversation about the economic, political, and religious dimensions of the struggle for land in the region.

"The value of the three-event series was to suggest that the delicacy of the situation and the complexity of its various dimensions cannot be understood in one sitting," said Ellen Charry, Margaret W. Harmon Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, who facilitated the event with Gordon Mikoski, assistant professor of Christian education. "We were trying to convey the short-term issues that led to the Gaza invasion, the longer-term context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict going back to 1890, and the sensibilities at work on both sides arising from both historical interaction between the two peoples and religious and political considerations and claims," said Charry.

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## Faculty Accolades

In December, **Shane Berg** was awarded the Ph.D. degree by Yale University.

In July, **James Charlesworth** was presented with a plaque and a certificate of appreciation for a life of distinguished service to the church and academy by the Philippine Bible Society.

He was also awarded an honorary degree by Philippine Christian University, where he also received a certificate of appreciation for contributions to biblical languages and theology. He was presented with a hood, cap, and new robe.



Professor Charlesworth receiving the academic hood of his honorary degree

**Beverly Roberts Gaventa** gave a lecture in June at a conference sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy. In May she lectured at Macquarie University at a meeting of the Society for the Study of Early Christianity, and at the School of Theology of Charles Sturt University, both in Sydney, Australia. She also spoke to the Faculty of Theology at the University of Stellenbosch, and St. Columba's Presbyterian Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. She also gave a paper in March at the Church of Westphalia's conference in celebration of the 500th anniversary of John Calvin.

**Darrell Guder** delivered the Robinson Lectures in April as part of Erskine Theological Seminary's 2008–2009 lecture series. He was also a presenter in June at the Mennonite Church USA convention in Columbus, Ohio. It was the denomination's first biennial convention to devote an entire day to resource pastors. The theme for the event was "Pastors as Missional Leaders."

Guder also gave a lecture in July on "Missional Church Theology and Praxis Theology in the Global Church" as part of the Faithful Mission in a New Age lecture series at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat, North Carolina.

In June, **Scott Hendrix** chaired a section at the Internationales Kolloquium on Calvin und Calvinismus—Europäische Perspektiven (International Colloquium on Calvin and Calvinism—European Perspectives) in Mainz, Germany.

In August, **Jeremy Hutton** presented four lectures on Old Testament prophets and prophecies in a series sponsored by four Presbyterian congregations in central New Jersey: the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, Stockton Presbyterian Church in Stockton, Mt. Airy Presbyterian Church in Lambertville, and Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church in Ringoes. The four churches partnered to offer their members the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and its application to contemporary life.

**Cleo LaRue** was a guest speaker in January at the Martin Luther King Prayer Breakfast held at Mid-America Nazarene College in

Kansas City, Missouri. In February he preached for Black History Month at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, California, and also for Black History Month at the Reid Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glendale, Maryland.

He also delivered lectures on "The Shape of Colored Preaching" at Palmer Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and "The Black Church Now and Future" at the Black Pastors' Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. In March he delivered lectures at the D.Min. Convocation at Virginia University, gave the Greene Lectures on Pastoral Ministry at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Spring, North Carolina, and at the Spring Colloquium and Dinner at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, where he spoke on the topic "Can I Get An Amen: Black Preaching as Communication, Culture, and Theology."

In April he preached at Elmwood Presbyterian

Church-Central in Newark, New Jersey. He also traveled to Liberia and to India this spring, where he was conference speaker at Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention in Monrovia, Liberia, and guest lecturer and preacher at St. Andrew Centre, India Sunday School Union, in Coonoor, Tamil Nadu, India.

In June he lectured at the University of Greifswald in

Greifswald, Germany, and in July preached at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto, Canada.

**Elsie Anne McKee** presented a paper in June at the Internationales Kolloquium on Calvin und Calvinismus—Europäische Perspektiven (International Colloquium on Calvin and Calvinism—European Perspectives) in Mainz, Germany. Her paper was titled "Calvin's Day of Prayer: Origin, Nature, and Significance."

**Luke Powery** preached in January at the Calvin Symposium of Worship at Calvin College/Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In March he participated in the Garnett Nabrit Lecture Series at American Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, and was a theologian-in-residence for the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry in April, where he taught a seminar on "A Preaching Life in the Spirit." In November, he was elected secretary of the Academy of Homiletics. He will also participate in the 2009–2010 Wabash Center Workshop for Pre-tenure Religion and Theology Faculty of African Descent.

In February 2008, **Leong Seow** gave The McFadin Lectureship at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University on the topic "Early and Medieval Christian Consequences of Job." In March 2009, he spoke on "Ethics in the Book of Job" at the inauguration of the Kitz Family Lectureship in Biblical Theology at Boston College, and in



Professor LaRue with his students in India



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October he gave the Old Testament Lectureship at Yale Divinity School on "The Musicality of Hope."

**Max Stackhouse** gave the presidential address at The American Theological Society's annual meeting in March at Princeton Seminary.



Professor Max Stackhouse

In September, **Wentzel van Huyssteen** received an honorary doctorate in theology during the University of Stellenbosch's (his alma mater) 150th anniversary celebration of the Theological Faculty.



Professor van Huyssteen receives the cap signifying his honorary degree.



Photo: Daniel Escher

President Torrance and Professor Sang Lee

### New Lectureship Celebrates Asian American Theology

On March 5 the Seminary community held its first biannual Sang Hyun Lee Lecture on Asian American Theology and Ministry, named in honor of the first Asian American faculty member at Princeton Seminary, Dr. Sang Hyun Lee, Kyung-Chik Han Professor of Systematic Theology and director of the Asian American Program at PTS. The inaugural lecture, titled "Building the Momentum: Dr. Sang Hyun Lee's Contributions and Their Prospects," was given by Roy I. Sano, United Methodist bishop emeritus and former professor of theology and Pacific and Asian American ministries at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California.

The lecture was the culmination of years of hard work by Ph.D. student Janette Ok (M.Div., 2006), who developed the idea for an endowed lectureship in Asian American theology while a middler in the M.Div. program. She drafted a proposal that outlined the importance of the lectureship and that recommended sending out letters to raise money. With the support of the Seminary Relations Department, Ok spearheaded the effort to mail formal requests for financial support for an endowed lecture in Asian American theology to alumni/ae. Her efforts paid off.

Lee is an example, along with others at PTS, of an Asian American whose scholarship "grounds us in where we stand and where we can go," she said. "It's important to know on whose shoulders you stand, and to have current voices inspire new ones."

Lee regards the lectureship as a supplement to the Seminary's traditional curriculum and as a way for Asian American students and those from other backgrounds to hear prominent Asian American theologians and church leaders. "The Asian American context and church are not well known," said Lee. "The better informed we are about others, the better we all will be."



### Thank you to TEF!

The Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Theological Education Fund (TEF) encourages churches to give 1 percent of their annual budget to support the denomination's ten seminaries, including Princeton. TEF Network Resource Persons, many of them Princeton Seminary graduates, volunteer in each presbytery to help interpret the mission of theological education and to raise these funds. In April, the resource network met in Richmond; among those PTS alums attending and pictured above were, from left front going clockwise into the center: Travis Adams (Northeast Georgia Presbytery), Jeff Sumner (Central Florida Presbytery), Don Maddox (San Gabriel Presbytery), Ivo Meilands (West Jersey Presbytery), Walt Hunting (Eastern Virginia Presbytery), Anders Pederson (Northern New York Presbytery), Barbara Chaapel (Philadelphia Presbytery), Richard Leon (Synod of Alaska Northwest), Jane Mills (Glacier Presbytery), and Mary Hammond Atkinson (Western Colorado Presbytery).

Thank you from Princeton to all the TEF resource persons!



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## Heard on Campus

**Peter Enns**, former professor of Old Testament, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Theological Students Fellowship Lecture: "Is the Bible Ever Wrong? Inerrancy and Biblical Authority"

**David Fergusson**, professor of divinity at New College, the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh, The Warfield Lectures: "The Theology of Providence: Historical, Dogmatic, and Pastoral Perspectives"

**Ken Fong**, senior pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California, Asian American Program Lecture: "My Persistent Call to a Non-existent Ministry"

**Cynthia A. Jarvis**, minister, The Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Women in Church and Ministry Lecture: "Ministry in the Subjunctive Mood"

**Philip Pettit**, Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of Politics and Human Values, Princeton University, PTS Philosophy

Colloquium: "Democracy, Legitimacy, and Self-Rule"

**Roy I. Sano**, professor emeritus of Asian American theology and ministry at Pacific School of Theology, The Sang Hyun Lee Lecture on Asian American Theology and Ministry, inaugural lecture: "Building the Momentum: Dr. Sang Hyun Lee's Contributions and Their Prospects"

**Michael Gorman**, professor of sacred scripture and dean of the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and the University of Baltimore, Maryland, Biblical Studies Department Lecture: "Paul, the Resurrection, and the End of Violence"

**Joanne Doi**, assistant professor of intercultural theologies and ministry, Franciscan School of Theology, Asian American Program Lecture: "Theological Pilgrimages to Sacred Sites of Asian American Memory"

**Eddie S. Glaude Jr.**, William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies, Princeton University, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Lecture: "Imagination and Race in the Age of Obama"

**Oliver Crisp**, reader in theology at the University of Bristol, England, and visiting fellow at the Center of Theological Inquiry

in Princeton, PTS Philosophy Colloquium: "Analytic Theology"

**Michael Trowitzsch**, professor of systematic theology at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität in Jena, Germany: "Yes and No: The 'Strange Battle' of Jesus Christ, According to Karl Barth"

**Jacqueline Lewis**, senior minister of the Middle Collegiate Church in New York City, Intercultural Dialogue Seminar: "Crossing the Racial Divide"

**Alvin Plantinga**, John A. O'Brien Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, Abraham Kuyper Lecture: "Religion and Science: Where the Conflict Really Lies"

**Andrew Root**, assistant professor of youth and family ministry, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry Lectures: "From an Incarnational Model of Youth Ministry to Being Ministers of the Incarnate One, or, Justin versus Jan" and "Encounter with the Transcendence of God: The Shape of Faithful Place-Sharing for Youth Ministry"

**Obery Hendricks**, professor of biblical interpretation, New York Theological Seminary, Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry Lecture: "Which Jesus Will We Teach?"

## The Latina/o Church: Essence, Crisis, and Hope

This year the Hispanic Leadership Program (HLP) celebrated its eighteenth Congreguémonos, an annual event for Hispanic pastors and laity with worship, fellowship, and a focus on educating church leaders and members around pressing issues in the life of the Latina/o church. The theme was "The Latina/o Church: Essence, Crisis, and Hope." The Reverend Dr. Héctor Rodríguez, the associate director for Hispanic congregational enhancement of the PCUSA, gave a lecture about ecclesial stewardship in a time of economic crisis, and preached a dynamic sermon called "An Ecclesiology for the Third Millennium."



Dr. Héctor Rodríguez

Este año el Programa de Liderazgo Hispano (HLP) celebró su decimo-noveno Congreguémonos. Congreguémonos, un evento anual para pastores y laicos con adoración, fraternidad, y un enfoque en la educación de la iglesia acerca de asuntos

importantes en la vida de la comunidad Latina. El tema de este año fue "La Iglesia Latina: Esencia, Crisis, y Esperanza." Tuvimos el privilegio de escuchar al Reverendo Dr. Héctor Rodríguez quien es el director de La Oficina para el Desarrollo Congregacional Hispano del área de Ministerios Étnico-raciales. El Reverendo Rodríguez dio cátedras acerca de la mayordomía eclesial en tiempos de crisis económica y predicó un dinámico sermón entitulado, "Una eclesiología para el Tercer Milenio."

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BY GABRIEL SALGUERO



# BROWER RIDES ONE MORE TIME!

A few more stories and poems read for you by the kid in the picture



## Brower Rides One More Time

Before the Septuagint and the King James Version, there were oral stories. And before there were computers and free Wi-Fi pumping endless torrents of entertainment into every dorm room, there was William Brower.

In 1933 T.S. Eliot compared writing to "turning blood into ink." Brower reverses that hard alchemy. "I say that good storytelling, whether read or spoken from memory, is turning the ink back into blood," he said. As associate professor of speech and communication emeritus, Brower has been "turning ink into blood" for the PTS community's benefit for more than three decades. "In 1976–1977, there was a fierce winter here," said Brower, who can't help but tell the origins of his storytelling at PTS as a story in itself. "It was so cold no one wanted to go outdoors...." A large fire was stoked in the Main Lounge of the Mackay Campus Center, and Brower performed Jack London's short story "To Build a Fire." So began Brower's tenure as PTS's resident raconteur.

On April 14 Brower gave his final short story reading, "Brower Rides One More Time," bringing to an end a tradition that began as a protest against winter but became a favorite event for students during all seasons. Reading Frank O'Connor's "First Confession," Judy Troy's "Ten Miles West of Venus," and Arturo Vivante's "The Park," Brower entertained the crowd of students, faculty, and alumni/ae who gathered in the auditorium of the Mackay Campus Center to hear him one last time.

Brower's commitment to the Seminary—he began teaching in 1954, retired in 1993, and returned in 2000—is worth far more than entertainment value. "Professor Brower was instrumental in helping me find my speaking voice when I arrived at PTS in the fall of 2006," said M.Div. senior Erin Buckner. "Seeing him stand up before the black backdrop of the stage, reciting the poem he assigned me two years earlier, brought back fond memories of that class," she said. According to Benjamin Robinson (M.Div., 2009), who organized the reading on behalf of the student group Seminarians for Fellowship, Brower shared his gifts in the classroom with the same level of passion he used to perform stories on stage. "I think students were enthusiastic about the reading in part because they had attended a previous reading, and in part because Professor Brower had worked hard to get to know them inside and outside of the classroom," Robinson said.

As Brower rides off to Ohio for new adventures, we bid him a fond farewell.

BY KERI WILLARD-CRIST

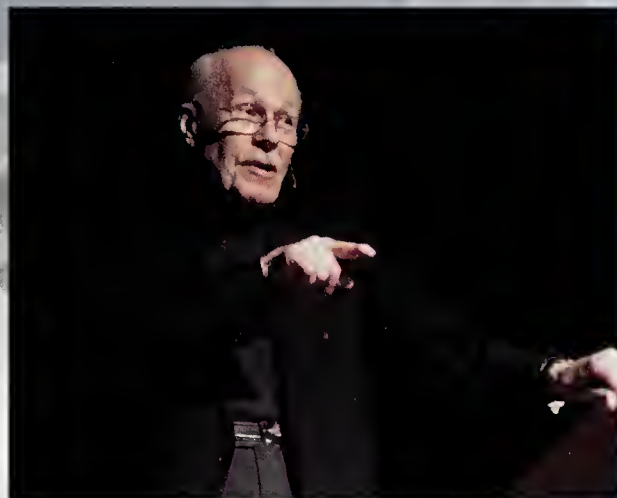


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Dr. Jacqui Lewis

## "Crossing the Racial Divide"

"In a church that is not diverse, we are missing something about who God is, and we're moving around in the dark," said the Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis (M.Div., 1992), whose April lecture, "Crossing the Racial Divide," urged students and faculty to be conversant—both literally and figuratively—in multiple "languages." The senior minister of Middle Collegiate Church in New York City, where she makes multiculturalism and multiracialism a priority, Lewis believes that the future of the church depends on developing cultural competencies, or "languages," that can reach across the borders of race and ethnicity. Of the 300,000 congregations that gather each Sunday, only 3.5 percent are intentionally multicultural churches, according to Lewis. "I am convinced that the reason our congregations are monocultural is because leaders are not asking for [more diversity]," she said. The lecture was sponsored by the Action Plan Committee and the Intercultural Dialogue Forum at PTS.

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## J. Randall Nichols Retires

J. Randall Nichols earned his B.D. (M.Div.) and Ph.D. from Princeton Seminary in 1967 and 1970 respectively. In 1975 he was hired as director of the Seminary's Doctor of Ministry program, a program he developed and administered for more than three decades and one of the first four D.Min. programs to be fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in 1975. In May 2008 the Seminary's Board of Trustees endorsed the recommendation of the faculty and the administration to conclude the program, after an extensive review process. More than 350 Doctor of Ministry students graduated from Princeton, and they are serving in ministries around the world, from "Ireland to South Africa, from Canada to South America, from Germany to Latvia," as Professor Dennis Olson said at a reception honoring Nichols and other retirees.

In 1975 Nichols also began teaching at PTS as a lecturer in theology and communication, teaching courses relating preaching to imagination, pastoral care and communication, problems of forgiveness, and personality type. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Nichols served for decades as pastor of Elberon Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Long Branch, New Jersey. A member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, he has been a therapist at Trinity Counseling Service in Princeton since 1975. Nichols is author of several books, including *Ending Marriage, Keeping Faith: A New Guide through the Spiritual Journey of Divorce* (Crossroad, 1991; Wipf & Stock, 2002). He served as senior editor of the *Journal of Ministry Studies: Continuing Research and Education for Church Leadership*. To read a tribute to Dr. Nichols by Professor Olson and to leave your own tribute, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ybg5xc3>.

## Affirming Religious Tradition through Interfaith Dialogue

You don't have to be a diplomat or a clergyperson to be a leader of interfaith dialogue. In fact, Eboo Patel, founder and executive director of the Interfaith Youth Core, has been training young people to lead interfaith dialogues for more than a decade, which is why, when Dayle Rounds heard Patel on public radio, she knew she wanted to meet him. As PTS's director of the Institute for Youth Ministry, Rounds partnered with Janet Haag, executive director of Fellowship in Prayer, and Paul Raushenbush, associate dean of religious life at Princeton University and a member of the board of trustees of Fellowship in Prayer, to bring Patel to Princeton.

Patel builds interfaith dialogue by focusing on common ground. For youth, that means rolling up their sleeves and getting dirty. "The reality is that we live in the most religiously diverse nation in the world, and in the most religiously devout country in the West," Patel said. "I think we can have people from the Muslim world and the Western world working together in service projects to change the world." He and his staff at the Interfaith Youth Core help young people organize a day of interfaith youth service, in which youth from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds work together to improve their community.

Rounds believes that providing Institute for Youth Ministry participants with the language and tools of interfaith dialogue will produce future church leaders who can help young people negotiate religious diversity. Like Patel, the dialogue she has in mind doesn't dwell on difference. "If we can teach [youth] to respect and learn another person's tradition, it teaches them something about their own at the same time," said Rounds.

Patel's lecture at Princeton University was cosponsored by PTS's Institute for Youth Ministry, Fellowship in Prayer, the Office of Religious Life, and The Religious Life Council at Princeton University, and the Interfaith Youth Core.

To hear Rounds interview Patel for the Institute for Youth Ministry's Youth, Church & Culture podcasts, please visit <http://www2.ptsem.edu/iym/podcast/>.



Eboo Patel addresses youth leaders.

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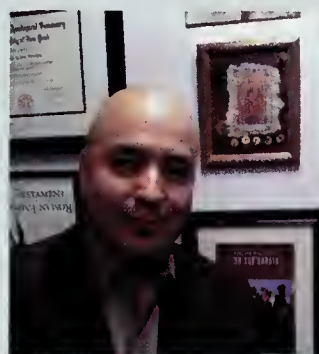
"Princeton Seminary" was the answer to "101 Across," "New Jersey ecumenical institution," in the June 28 *New York Times* Sunday crossword puzzle by Barry C. Silk, edited by Will Shortz. Did any alumni/ae do the puzzle and get the answer? Read more about the puzzle and view the completed version at <http://wordplay.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/06/27/ingredients/>.



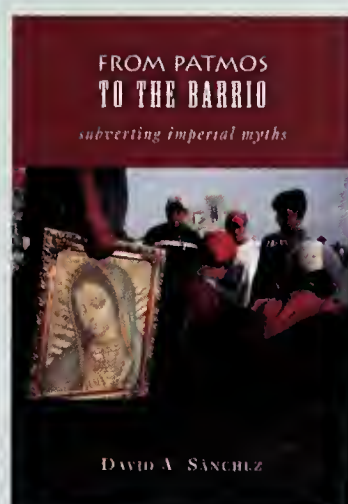
## Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize 2009

The 2009 Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize has been awarded to Dr. David Sánchez, assistant professor of theological studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, for his book *From Patmos to the Barrio: Subverting Imperial Myths* (Fortress Press). The Hispanic Theological Initiative Book Prize recognizes the best book written by a Latina/o junior scholar on theology and/or religion each year, and includes a monetary award and a guest lectureship at the annual HTI Summer Workshop. Sanchez gave a lecture, "La Virgen de East Los (Angeles): Texts, Textual Representations, and the Arts of Resistance" at the workshop at Princeton Seminary in June. Sanchez was an HTI dissertation year fellow in 2005–2006.

Sanchez's book connects three time periods and three sets of competing sacred images for imperialism and counter-imperialism, colonialism and counter-colonialism, and territorial domination and its counter-voice. The Mexican image of the Virgin of Guadalupe becomes a resource for resisting the dominant figure of the Virgin as presented by the Spanish



Dr. David Sánchez



conquistadors. The same image is employed to counter the Divine Destiny myth of American expansionism, in a similar way to how she is used in rallies for immigrant rights in our time. The book is a timely source for dialogue in today's immigration debates.

## Former HTI Book Prize Winner Sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican

Miguel Diaz, winner of the Hispanic Theological Initiative's Book Prize in 2002 for his book *On Being Human: U.S. Hispanic and Rahnerian Perspectives* (Orbis Books, 2002), has been sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican. Diaz is on the graduate faculty of the School of Theology/ Seminary of Saint John's University and undergraduate faculty of the Department of Theology at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, both in Minnesota. In a statement on the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University web site, Diaz said, "I am very grateful to the Senate for this confirmation and to President Obama for the confidence he has invested in me. I am honored to be given the responsibility of representing the people of the United States to the Holy See."



Dr. Miguel Diaz

## Faculty Publications

**James Charlesworth** has written *The Earliest Christian Hymnbook: The Odes of Solomon* (Cascade Books, July 2009), and edited *Jesus Research: An International Perspective* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, July 2009).

**Richard Fenn** has written *Key Thinkers in the Sociology of Religion* (Continuum, June 2009).

**Beverly Roberts Gaventa** has edited *The Child in the Bible* with Marcia Bunge and Terence Fretheim (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008).

**Darrell Guder** has translated Eberhard Jungel's *God as the Mystery of the World* (Wipf and Stock, April 2009).

**William Stacy Johnson** has written *John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century* (Westminster John Knox Press, May 2009).

**Jacqueline Lapsley** contributed an essay to *The Child in the Bible* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008).

**Cleo LaRue** has edited *More Power in the Pulpit* (Westminster John Knox Press, May 2009).

**Elsie Anne McKee** has translated John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion: The First English Version of the 1541 French Edition* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, March 2009).

**Gordon Mikoski** has written *Baptism and Christian Identity: Teaching in the Triune Name* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, June 2009).

**Luke Powery** has written *Spirit Speech: Celebration and Lament in Preaching* (Abingdon Press, October 2009).

**Paul Rorem** has written *Hugh of Saint Victor* (Oxford University Press, April 2009).

**Katharine Doob Sakenfeld** has edited *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5 (Abingdon Press, August 2009).

**Choon-Leong Seow** has contributed to the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Walter de Gruyter GmbH and Company, July 2009).

**Iain Torrance** has edited *The Just War Revisited* (Cambridge University Press, March 2009), and *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology* (Oxford University Press, October 2009).



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## PTS Students Receive Prestigious National Fellowships

M.Div. middlers **Andrew S. Hudson** and **Margaret A. Mitsuyasu** have been recognized as young leaders who demonstrate exceptional gifts for ministry by The Fund for Theological Education (FTE). They have each received a grant for educational expenses and to fund self-designed projects to enrich their formation as ministerial leaders. They attended a leadership development program, and the 2009 FTE Conference on Excellence in

Ministry at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia.

**Katherine M. Chatelaine**, a junior M.Div. student, is the recipient of the 2009 FTE Congregational Fellowship. She will receive an award from FTE that matches support from her nominating congregation. She also attended the 2009 FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry.

**Audrey D. Thompson**, a Ph.D. candidate, has been selected to receive a 2009 FTE Dissertation Fellowship, a competitive national award. Thompson attended a 2009 FTE leadership event, "Religion, Social

Justice, and the Post Civil Rights Era: The 21st Century Challenge," in June at Vanderbilt University.

**Lisa M. Bowens**, a Ph.D. candidate, has been selected to receive a 2009 FTE Renewal Doctoral Fellowship. A renewal fellowship is awarded to those doctoral fellows who have successfully completed the first year of their doctoral studies and will continue the second year of their programs in the fall of 2009. Bowens also attended the FTE leadership event at Vanderbilt.

## Faith and Government Leadership Summit at PTS

PTS's Hispanic Leadership Program hosted a daylong summit in June for New Jersey government officials, civic leaders, and leaders in the faith community. They came together to discuss three issues affecting the most vulnerable in society: budget cuts, housing, and immigration.

State treasurer David Rousseau, giving a day to the summit right at budget time, pointed out that many states are "slicing into social safety nets—mental health resources, welfare, health care, education, and food assistance," and said that New Jersey, "the first state in the nation to come up with an economic recovery plan," was working to protect its most vulnerable citizens. Aid to schools and to veterans programs will not be decreased, he explained, while what he called "discretionary programs like the arts and shore protection" must bear the brunt of budget cuts. "Creating the budget is a heartbreaking, gut-wrenching process," he said. "It comes down to things like choosing between support for the developmentally disabled and preserving open space."

For Joseph Doria, commissioner of the state's Department of Community Affairs, affordable housing is the main issue. He reminded participants of Governor Corzine's commitment to provide 100,000 units of

affordable housing in ten years. "We will have 3,000 units in the ground by December," Doria promised.

"Communities of color have been disproportionately affected by predatory mortgage lending," he said. New Jersey has responded with a mediation process, mortgage assistance to help homeowners write down their mortgages, and legal service.

But the government cannot provide all the answers. Doria lauded a housing assistance program established by PTS alumnus Buster Soaries and his congregation, the First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, where the church buys a home and leases it to the homeowner until he or she can buy it back. "It really comes down to what the faith community is committed to," Doria said, citing Behar, the Torah reading from Leviticus about a Jew's responsibility in the jubilee year to help a neighbor keep his house, preserve his land.

Ronald Chen, New Jersey's public advocate, who spoke about the issue of immigration, couldn't agree more. Chen told summit participants that "faith communities are the most stalwart witnesses and advocates when it comes to immigrants. You know what it means to welcome the stranger." New Jersey is a major gateway to immigrants, sixth after New York, California, Florida, Illinois, and Texas.

"Immigration policy is the role of the federal government, but integration of the immigrant population is the state's role," Chen said, emphasizing that the state is committed to providing language proficiency, cultural competence, education, and health insurance for every immigrant child in New Jersey.

The day concluded with remarks by State Assemblywoman Annette Quijano, the first Latina representative for New Jersey's 20th Legislative District. Raised by a single mother and active in her church, she was a fifteen-year-old Sunday school teacher when she was moved to address her congregation about a local cable television station that threatened to stop Spanish language programming. "I told them that what mattered to the TV station was money; we started a petition drive that day, made a plan, and were successful in keeping the programming," she said.

Quijano's grandfather came from Puerto Rico to pick tomatoes. "He was given the opportunity to live on a farm, and he stayed and built a life," she said. She wants everyone who comes to New Jersey to have that opportunity, and challenged those at the summit to work together to that end. "Tell me with whom you walk, and I will tell you who you are," she concluded.

BY BARBARA A. CHAAPEL



## Global Connections

President Iain Torrance traveled to Hong Kong in June to teach in a summer intensive course at Baptist University of Hong Kong's research Institute for Sino-Christian Studies. He gave twenty lectures on the formation of Christian culture (four each morning) and shared lunch and conversation each day with the forty-one students, doctoral and post-doctoral students from the People's Republic of China. Torrance

was invited to teach the course by his longtime friends and colleagues Professor Kang Phee Seng, chair of the Department of Theology and Philosophy of Religion at the university, and Professor Carver Yu, president of China Graduate School of Theology.



From left to right: Dr. Chu, a PTS Th.M. graduate; President Torrance; and Dr. Cho, a PTS Ph.D. graduate and president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

During the afternoons, Torrance was invited to give lectures at other Hong Kong institutions, where he met two PTS alumni/ae: Dr.



President Torrance with his class at the Baptist University of Hong Kong

Wai-Tung (Joshua) Cho, president of Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary, who earned his Ph.D. from PTS in 1996, and Dr. Samuel Chu, president of the Bible Seminary of Hong Kong, who earned his Th.M. at the Seminary in 1979. Torrance also met two graduates of the University of Aberdeen, where he taught before coming to Princeton: Dr. Maureen Yeung, president of Bethel Seminary, Hong Kong, and Dr. Siu Chau Lee, professor and director of the library at Bethel.

## Exercising His Faith—Alum Celebrates 100th Birthday

Born on July 7, 1909, Carl Bogard (M.Div., 1936; Th.M., 1942) began the morning of his 100th birthday like any other—on his elliptical machine for twenty to twenty-five minutes. A reasonable diet and daily exercise are what have kept Bogard healthy and active for a century. Bogard's ministry includes twenty-eight years as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Butler, Pennsylvania, and another seven at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware. "Physical exercise is just as important as spiritual exercise," said Bogard. "If we do the spiritual without the physical, we are missing the channel that God probably wants to use to answer our prayers."

Bogard committed to regular exercise during his years at Princeton, where he played basketball every day, and throughout his years as a pastor he stayed active with daily games of handball or

tennis. From the beginning, Bogard made connections between spiritual discipline and physical discipline, saying that when he became lackadaisical in one, it affected the other.

In his retirement Bogard didn't slow down. He became a United States Tennis Association professional, and into his ninety-first year was placing in national championships; he also paired with his wife of sixty-seven years, Alice, herself spry at

eighty-nine, in mixed doubles tournaments. Though knee problems have curtailed his mobility, he remains influenced by his faith in Jesus, whose incarnate presence was marked by physical miracles such as feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, and visiting the sick. "All that I have achieved, I have received," said the centenarian, citing 1 Corinthians 4:7. "I don't brag, I thank."



Carl and Alice Bogard do daily exercise.

Photo: Courtesy *Intelligencer Journal/Lancaster New Era*, Lancaster, PA



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## Under the Stars

On Saturday night June 27, thirteen Seminary families set up their tents on the CRW campus and joined in the Great American Backyard Campout sponsored each June by the National Wildlife Federation to encourage people to connect with nature! Here Judah Santos and his mother Shannon roast marshmallows over the campfire. Jason (a PTS Ph.D. student) and Shannon Santos planned the campout, and hope to pitch their tents again next summer.



# CALVIN

## Princeton Honors Calvin's Life and Gifts

In January, Princeton Seminary began its yearlong celebration of the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth with a three-and-a-half day colloquium hosted by the Erdman Center of Continuing Education on the topic "Calvin and the Church Today: Ecclesiology as Received, Changed, and Adapted."

A two-day festival in March, "Calvin, Worship, and Music: Glad Surprises for the Church Today," honored the theologian's contributions to the church. Choirs from Nassau Presbyterian Church, Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church, and Princeton Seminary sang in a service of thanks for Calvin's gifts to the Reformed tradition, with Cornelius Plantinga Jr., president of Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, preaching at the service. As part of the festival, the Seminary welcomed Nicholas Wolterstorff, senior fellow of the Institute for the Advanced

Studies of Culture at the University of Virginia, and professor of philosophical theology emeritus at Yale Divinity School, for a keynote lecture that addressed the contemporary relevance of John Calvin's liturgy and liturgical theology.

The celebration continued in April, when Elsie Anne McKee, the Seminary's Archibald Alexander Professor of Reformation Studies and the History of Worship, introduced her new translation of Calvin's 1541 *Institutes* in a lecture titled "Calvin the Exiled Pastor to his French Flock: Insights on Calvin's Pastoral Character in the 1541 French *Institutes*."

## Reading Calvin in the Church

As part of the 500th celebration of the birth of John Calvin, the Seminary has provided daily readings from the McNeill-Battles translation of Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, daily podcasts of these readings, weekly reflection pieces, and other tools for

discussion on its web site at [www.ptsem.edu/calvin2009](http://www.ptsem.edu/calvin2009). On August 25, the program began reading Book IV, which focuses on the church, including its relationship to the civil order, and the sacraments and how they "increase faith within us." Read the final section of the *Institutes* in small groups with your session, adult Bible study, or weekly fellowship group, and find discussion questions and other resources on the Seminary web site. Join us online!

## Johnson's Book Gift to Churches

Professor William Stacy Johnson's book *John Calvin, Reformer for the 21st Century* has been published by Westminster John Knox Press, which has sent a complimentary copy to 3,000 Presbyterian pastors with a challenge to make it part of their congregational reading program in celebration of Calvin's 500th birthday. The mailing includes an offer of a 25 percent discount off the purchase of additional copies of the book.



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## New Testament Scholar Joins PTS Faculty

Loren T. Stuckenbruck has been named the Richard Dearborn Professor of New Testament Studies effective July 1, 2009. Stuckenbruck earned his B.A. from Milligan College and his M.Div. (1986) and Ph.D. (1994) from Princeton Theological Seminary. He previously held the B.F. Westcott Chair of Biblical Studies at Durham University in England.

In news about current faculty, Robert C. Dykstra has been named the Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology, Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger the Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology, William Stacy Johnson the Arthur M. Adams Professor of Systematic Theology, Bruce L. McCormack the Charles Hodge Professor of Systematic Theology, and George L. Parsenios, associate professor of New Testament. All of these promotions were effective July 1, 2009.

## New Trustees Elected

The Seminary Board of Trustees elected four new members at its May meeting.

**Dorothy A. Johnson** is vice chair of The League, a national initiative to increase giving and volunteering, headquartered in Newark, New Jersey. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, Michigan.

**F. Carter "Bud" Karins** is chief executive officer of Karins Engineering Group in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, Florida.



Dorothy A. Johnson



F. Carter "Bud" Karins

**Jinsoo Kim** is founder, president, CEO, and software developer of Image Solutions Inc., in Whippany, New Jersey. He is a member of Sebit Church in Plukemin, New Jersey.

**Susan F. Wonderland**, Class of 1983, associate executive for the Synod of the Trinity, is an alumni/ae trustee.

**Robert W. Bohl**, Class of 1961, was elected as the new chair of the Board of Trustees. **Leslie W. Braksick** was elected vice chair, and **John T. Galloway Jr.**, Class of 1966, was elected secretary.



Jinsoo Kim



Susan F. Wonderland

## "Christ of the Celts" with John Philip Newell

Many people are interested in creation spirituality, but don't know what creation has to do with Christ. Others are devoted to Christ, but don't know how that is lived out in their relationship to creation. But more than 1,600 years ago, Christians in Ireland were, as author and former warden of Iona Abbey John Philip Newell said, "reading the book of creation alongside the book of scripture."

Today we call the tradition of these Christians "Celtic spirituality." In a three-day retreat titled "Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation" at the Erdman Center of Continuing Education in February, Newell described Celtic spirituality as a way of seeing. "If we allow the Celtic cross to be a twin image of the mystery of Christ and the mystery of creation and see them as sharing the same center, then the deeper we move into creation the deeper we move into the heart of the one who is the presence of all life; to move toward the center of Christ's being is not to move into a transcendence or separation but to move more deeply into the mystery of creation," he said.

Rather than beginning from original sin, Celtic Christianity took as its starting point "original sacredness," said Newell, "which means that the journey toward well-being is a journey of being reconnected to what is deepest within us rather than becoming

something other than what is deepest in us. Christ is therefore seen as the one who embodies and shows us who we truly are, he's the revelation and the revealer of who we are, not to show something foreign to us but to show us what is deepest within us, even if we have become foreign to what is deepest within us."

While the tradition doesn't include the doctrine of original sin, "it's not a tradition that is naïve to evil or our capacity for falseness," said Newell. "Rather, it suggests that we look deeper than the falseness to be reconnected to our true beauty and the dignity of our being."

The retreat led twenty-one participants through presentations by Newell in the morning, followed by contemplation and prayer and group conversation in the afternoon. Newell earned his doctorate in Celtic Christianity and is a Church of Scotland minister. Newell's presence was underwritten by the Funding Individual Spiritual Health (F.I.S.H.) Foundation.

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER



John Philip Newell

Photo: Daniel Escher



# Farewell to Five Faculty Members, with Many Thanks

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

Princeton Seminary bid farewell to five beloved faculty members in May 2009 at a reception in their honor. Altogether the five professors contributed more than 150 years of service to the Seminary. Here *inSpire* honors the retiring professors with a few highlights from their distinguished careers, and some remarks from their students. As Dean of Student Life Nancy Lammers Gross noted in her tribute to Charles Bartow, the professors are each “far more than the sum of their curriculum vitae parts.” Their contributions to the life of the Seminary, to the academy, and to the church they served are immeasurable, and their service will bear fruit for generations to come.

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## Charles L. Bartow

Charles L. Bartow served as the Carl and Helen Egner Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry since 1991. He also taught at PTS as an assistant in speech from 1963 to 1971. Bartow shaped generations of students to be performers of the Word, teaching courses in biblical preaching as practical theology. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he helped to found and served as president of the Religious Speech Communication Association from 1986 to 1987, and was a member of founding editorial boards of *Homiletic* and *The Journal of Communication and Religion*. Bartow is author of several books, including *God's Human Speech: A Practical Theology of Proclamation* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company,

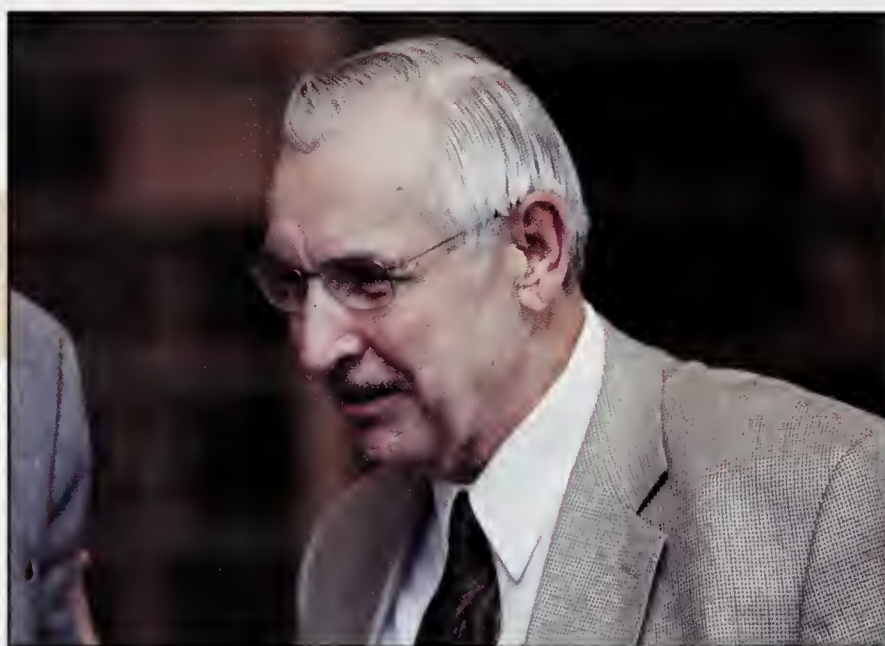


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1997). He was honored with a Festschrift and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Academy of Homiletics in the fall of 2008.

Bartow's passion is the performance of the Word. “He knows so much, but doesn't wear it on his sleeve,” said Ph.D. student Patrick Johnson. “It's when he starts talking that you realize he's drawing not just on performance theory but on a wide knowledge of history. He loves to quote poetry, his own and that of others.” Johnson remembered his independent study with Bartow, reflecting on both the depth of his teacher's knowledge and the exacting and encouraging way that he taught: “He had me read a poem...and if I missed a word, or if I made something



plural that wasn't plural, he'd stop me...he knew it better than I could read it. It was intimidating obviously, but in a very constructive way, he was cheering for me, he wanted me to get it right, and wanted me to know when I did. When I did, he'd say, 'That was perfect. Don't read it again.'" The independent study was developed into a short-term course that Bartow cotaught with Johnson. "He let me teach, but he was there as a safety net, and would jump in in a humble way that showed he was excited about learning," said Johnson.



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## Donald E. Capps

Donald Capps retired as the Seminary's William Harte Felmeth Professor of Pastoral Theology, having taught at PTS since 1981. He taught courses in pastoral counseling, poetry and the care of souls, pastoral care and the life cycle, and chronic psychological disorders. In 1989, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in sacred theology from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, in recognition of his publications in the psychology of religion and pastoral care, and of his leadership role in the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, which he served as editor of its professional journal from 1983 to 1988 and as president from 1990 to 1992. He is ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Capps is the author of more than thirty books and one hundred articles, including most recently *The Decades of Life: A Guide to Human Development* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008).

"In both his volume and substance of scholarship, he's unmatched among his peers and people of his generation," said former student Allan Hugh Cole Jr. (M.Div., 1994; Ph.D., 2001), now Nancy Taylor Williamson Associate Professor of Pastoral Care at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. "He's a unique scholar who can write well for the academy and can write as well and meaningfully for the parish pastor." Cole sees in Capps a mentor as well as a teacher. "His loyalty to his students and undying commitment to...invest time and energy in them has been a model for me in my own teaching..." he said. Cole joined many of Capps's former students, including Robert Dykstra, Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology at PTS, to honor Capps at a conference on pastoral care at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary last October. Papers

given at the conference focused on themes of Capps's work, and will be published in a double-issue Festschrift of the journal *Pastoral Psychology*. All three professors sit on the journal's editorial board.

## Abigail Rian Evans

Abigail Rian Evans retired as the Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Practical Theology. She began teaching at PTS in 1991. She served as chair of the department. From 1991 to 1998 she was associate professor of practical theology and director of field education and clinical pastoral education. In 2000 Evans also became Clinical Professor of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey. At Princeton Evans taught courses on addiction, worship, congregational life, death and dying, health and spirituality, and older adult ministry. She initiated the Wholistic Health Fair and coordinated the Older Adult Ministry and Aging Initiative at PTS. Evans has been associate editor of the *Journal of Clinical Ethics* since 1991. She is the author of several books, most recently *Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004). She founded and directed Health Ministries, National Capital Presbytery. An ordained Presbyterian minister, she was a pioneer missionary in Brazil in the 1960s.

"She was more than a teacher to me. She influenced how I see the connections between community, social work, and spirituality," said Luiz Nascimento, a Ph.D. student in the Religion and Society Program at PTS. Nascimento is studying Brazilian immigrant churches and how theological commitments foster different responses to immigration. Evans's research into healing and wholeness, and the church's historic healing ministry, inspired his studies, and Nascimento assisted in translating *Healing Liturgies for the Seasons of Life* into Portuguese. "She's one of the most caring professors I've met, she really cares for the students with whom she is working and takes her pastoral care to the classroom," he said. "She is very demanding academically, but also willing to help and listen."



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## Geddes W. Hanson

Geddes W. Hanson retired as Princeton Seminary's Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Congregational Ministry. He has taught on the faculty since 1969, a tenure that included service as associate director of professional studies and also as director of continuing education. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Hanson was a member of both the General Assembly Mission Council of the United Presbyterian Church and the Executive Committee



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of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. His courses covered non-Christian religious options in urban communities, congregational analysis, the ministry and history of the traditional African American denominations, and administrative ministry. Hanson authored numerous articles and served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Pastoral Psychology*. The Geddes Hanson Lecture was established at Princeton Seminary in 1992 by the Association of Black Seminarians, "in recognition of his outstanding academic and spiritual guidance to the students of Princeton Theological Seminary."

In a tribute, Virstan Choy (M.Div., 1974) wrote, "More than a quarter century before those who teach the practices of ministry met at the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion to point out that practical theology was actually a multi-disciplinary discipline, and almost two decades before pastors and pastors-to-be would read the words of Whitehead and Whitehead that the discipline of theological reflection in the practice of ministry needed to involve attentiveness to behavioral science disciplines in addition to personal faith experience and church tradition, and more than a decade before pastoral counselors and pastoral counselors-to-be would read David Augsburger's call for the disciplines of psychology, anthropology, and theology to be a part of pastoral care and counseling, Geddes W. Hanson had already helped students in his courses to see the importance of including Adorno, Bennis, and Coser along with Anselm, Barth, and Calvin in their 'ABCs' of preparing for ministry of leadership in Christ's church."

## Daniel L. Migliore

Daniel L. Migliore retired as the Seminary's Charles Hodge Professor of Systematic Theology; he served on the faculty of the Seminary since 1962. He was department chair three times. Migliore was editor of the *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* from 1988 to 1994, and was elected president of the American Theological Society in 2007. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly Task Force on the Doctrine of the Trinity and drafted a report on the Trinity for the denomination. He received an honorary doctorate from Westminster College. An ordained Presbyterian minister, he taught courses on Christology, the doctrine of God, the theology of Karl Barth, Barth's *Church Dogmatics*, and an introductory course on the doctrines and practices of Christian faith. He is the author of several books, including *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, 2nd ed. (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2004), which is used as an introduction to Christian theology in seminaries around the country. Migliore was honored with a Festschrift published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; PTS Professor Bruce McCormack and Kimlyn Bender (Ph.D., 2002) co-edited the book.

Migliore "modeled someone who is an ordained minister and servant of the church, and a dedicated academic," Ph.D. student John Drury said. That combination is perhaps best exemplified in the prayers with which Migliore began each class, "humble and simple" said Drury, and always related thematically to the topic of the day. Drury hopes to emulate Migliore's teaching style. "He constructs a syllabus in a way that takes into account the kinds of questions



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students will ask," Drury said. "I used to joke that he often had us in the hot seat, but somehow it never felt very warm.... He has both kindness and rigor, he doesn't seem threatened by students or worried about himself...his calm confidence means he is non-threatening to us." Migliore's textbook, *Faith Seeking Understanding*, takes the same tone of faithful freedom. "It's clear, and he does argue the case for a position," Drury said. "Some textbooks only describe, but he takes a side. Still, you wouldn't feel alienated if you chose another option." ♦



# A Time to Write

## FIELD EDUCATION INTERN STRIKES GOLD AT *TIME* MAGAZINE

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

Field education intern Elizabeth Dias never expected her first published story, “Top Ten Surprising Facts about the World’s Oldest Bible,” about the Codex Sinaiticus, to receive 2 million hits on its first day. “It was picked up by CNN, which doubles or triples the hits,” she said. The editors at *Time* teased her about her beginner’s luck, but the streak continued with her second story about the metal trade in the Congo, “First Blood Diamonds, Now Blood Computers?” which was the third most-read story over the weekend of its release.

The field education placement at *Time*’s Washington DC bureau was a first for the Seminary. Dias is a middler at Princeton. She met her field education supervisor, Amy Sullivan, a senior editor at *Time*, at a lecture Sullivan gave at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. When Dias applied for the internship at *Time* and was accepted, Director of Field Education Debbie Davis worked with *Time* to put together a field education learning-serving covenant for the internship, which the Seminary funded. “Amy has a theological background, so she could see the possibilities,” said Davis. Sullivan has a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School.

The placement focused on religious and political journalism, and was an opportunity, as Davis saw it, for Dias to “assess whether writing about religion in the public sphere is her vocation...to develop the skills she needs to follow her dreams, and to integrate her theological education with practical experience and reflect on that.” And the internship was also a service to the public. “We sent someone who is trained theologically into the public environment to analyze and research religious issues and to write on those things,” Davis said.

The story on the Codex Sinaiticus, a fourth-century text of the Bible, was Dias’s first foray into journalism, although she did write a movie review for her college newspaper. But Dias went with her instincts, having heard about the manuscript in college courses and in classes at Princeton. “One might not think people would be so interested in reading a 1,600-year-old manuscript,” she said. “But people want to know these things, and I wanted to share that.” She pitched the story to her editors at *Time*, and wrote it over five days, interviewing curators of the British Library, Father Justin Sinaites, a monk and librarian at St. Catherine’s Monastery in Egypt, and biblical scholar David Parker of the University of Birmingham. “When you say you’re calling from *Time* magazine, people respond,” she said. “It’s a

privilege to listen to these people and put their stories together.”

In addition to writing, Dias officially reported on two stories, including *Time*’s breaking story on Obama’s church selection, which Amy Sullivan wrote. “That was one of the

biggest religion and politics stories of the summer,” Dias said. When she was not writing, Dias checked facts, did research, wrote blurbs for graphics, and attended meetings. During her time as an intern the newsroom covered the healthcare debate, the financial stimulus, and the death of Michael Jackson; when he died, Dias gathered the names and contact information of all of his lawyers, including what cases they worked on, for the special issue *Time* ran on the pop singer.

The biggest challenge for Dias in her field education placement was learning to be “fair and faithful in how you communicate.... Journalists have an authoritative voice, and I wanted to learn to use that voice in a responsible way,” she said. She was acutely aware of her role as an intern in journalism, and the necessity to be circumspect in expressing her faith commitments in that context and to adhere to journalistic ethics, including unbiased and balanced reporting.

Dias studied theology at Wheaton College in Illinois, and came to Princeton because, she said, “I wasn’t done! I enjoy learning how people have thought about faith for hundreds of years, and what faith meant to their times and to our time.” She chose Princeton Seminary for her studies, but “Princeton chose me,” she said. Her scholarship made the decision easy. “I wanted to be in an open, diverse, yet creedal and faithful school.” At twenty-three, Dias isn’t sure where her vocation will lead, but she sees herself working in faith and politics. “I’ve been learning that you create open doors for yourself and dream big and go for it,” she said. “We’ll see how that strategy serves me.” ✱



Elizabeth Dias in the office at *Time*

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# COMMENCING MINISTRY

On May 23, 2009, 209 graduates processed down the aisle of the Princeton University Chapel, led by retiring professor Geddes Hanson carrying the Seminary mace. For this issue, *inSpire* interviewed Sam Warr (B.D., 1940), the designer of the mace, to learn more about how it represents the rich traditions of the Seminary. In these pages meet some of the new graduates, read about their vocations, and keep them in your prayers as they begin their ministries.

BY KERI WILLARD-CRIST AND BARBARA A. CHAAPEL



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Trustee Francisco Garcia-Treto, Professor Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, and M.Div. senior Ryan Bonfiglio at the Honors Breakfast

## Ryan Bonfiglio (M.Div., 2009)

Ryan Bonfiglio is moving to Atlanta, Georgia, to do a Ph.D. in the Religion Department at Emory University, where he will explore post-colonial readings of Old Testament narratives and the intersection of ecology and biblical interpretation.



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## Brent (M.Div., 2008, Th.M., 2009) and Erin Raska (M.Div., 2009)

Graduates Brent (M.Div., 2008, Th.M., 2009) and Erin Raska (M.Div., 2009) are corecipients of the Global Ministry Fellowship, an ordainable ministry position offered annually by Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. As parish associates for global ministry, the Raskas are working in Kitwe, Zambia, with Theological Education by Extension, helping train indigenous church leadership and learning from the spiritual vitality of the global south.





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### Sarah Iliff (M.Div., 2009)

Sarah Iliff leaves Princeton to begin a two-year internship with Pres House, a campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, which includes housing for students. While there, Iliff will work with husband and wife copastors Mark Elsdon (M.Div., 2004) and Erica Liu (M.Div., 2005), also PTS alums.

Iliff sums up her approach to campus ministry as "empowerment." "They're adults, and they want to lead," she said. "Students need a community, a place where they can feel loved and accepted and where they can talk about God in honest and real ways without fear," said Iliff, who encourages students to talk about the ways their coursework relates to their faith. "There's nothing they bring me that scares me," said Iliff. "A lot of [my ministry] is coming alongside students and, when I don't know an answer, not pretending that I know one. I say, 'It's a good question,' and then I meditate on it with them. I don't abandon them when they're thinking about things.... I say, 'God gave you a brain to think. Use it.' I offer the awareness that God is big enough for any question."



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Ben Robinson (Class of 2009) with his father, Bill, president of Whitworth University and a PTS trustee

### Ben Robinson (M.Div., 2009)

Benjamin Robinson will be ordained by the Presbyterian Church (USA) to serve as the associate minister of youth, young adults, and education at the Church of Saint John the Baptist, an Anglican church in Cairo, Egypt. "It's the nature of the community—you don't have options to draw lines between types of churches," said Robinson, referring to his Presbyterian ordination and his call to an Anglican church. In addition to ministering at the Church of Saint John the Baptist, which he describes as the largest liturgical church among the expatriate community in Cairo, Robinson will also be looking for ways to get involved with interfaith dialogue and to partner with the PCUSA global mission in Egypt.

Robinson earned a master's degree in Middle Eastern Christianity from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo before coming to PTS. "I was drawn to the M.Div. program because it's broad and it allowed me to explore. I thought that congregational ministry was probably the least likely of several things that I was considering or preparing for, but being here heightened my interest," he said.



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Peter Henry and Matt Parker Wrzeszcz

### Matt Parker Wrzeszcz (M.Div./M.A., 2009) Peter Henry (M.Div., 1996; Th.M., 2001; Ph.D., 2009)

Two 2009 graduates who met twenty-five years ago at a Boy Scout camp are joining together in ministry this year, as Matt Parker Wrzeszcz follows a call to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, where as associate pastor for youth ministries he will be working with middle and senior high youth, providing pastoral care to the congregation, and preaching. Wrzeszcz will serve alongside Peter Henry (left in photo), head of staff of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church since 2007 and a three-time graduate of Princeton Seminary (M.Div., 1996; Th.M., 2001; Ph.D., 2009).



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## Samuel Lacy (Th.M., 2009)

Th.M. candidate Samuel Lacy was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to work under the direction of Irene Dingel at the Institute for European History in Mainz, Germany. His research topic will be the transfer of German university theology to religious higher education in America in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century.

"I came to Princeton initially to become a biblical scholar," said Lacy, who shifted his emphasis from biblical studies to American church history shortly after arriving at PTS. Lacy took all the American history courses he could fit into his schedule, whether at the Seminary or Princeton University.

James Charlesworth, George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature and director of PTS's Fulbright program, suggested to Lacy that he apply for a Fulbright Fellowship. "While counseling Samuel Lacy, one day I learned three things," said Charlesworth. "He told me that he had been an All-American football player and president of the student body in his college; then he added, 'the school was a small liberal arts college.' This humility will certainly serve him well as he goes to Germany as a mini-ambassador."

## THE MACE'S TALE

BY BARBARA A. CHAAPEL

It started with a conversation between Sam Warr and Charlie Fritsch just after commencement exercises in 1980, which also marked Fritsch's retirement from the faculty. The Hebrew professor, who for many years led the academic procession at graduation, asked Warr, a 1940 PTS graduate, a question. "Why doesn't the Seminary have a mace?"

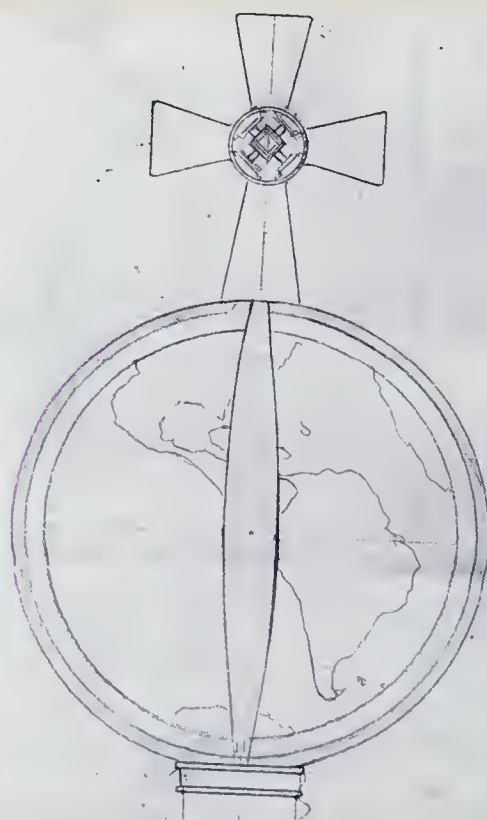
Warr, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1958 to 1991, had never thought about it. But he began thinking, and approached then-president Jim McCord with Fritsch's question. Warr says that McCord responded, "I don't know. Why don't you do something about it?"

Warr accepted the challenge, and so began the story of the Princeton Theological Seminary mace, used at every academic convocation and commencement since 1986.

A pastor in Youngstown, Ohio, at the time, Warr went home and made sketches for a mace, although he admits he "was not an artist." His first concern was material for the shaft. "I wanted to use material that represented the reality of the Seminary, its tradition." Warr remembered that

Alexander Hall had been renovated in 1978 and wondered if wood from that historic Seminary building might have been saved. McCord referred him to Arthur Byers, alumni/ae secretary of the Seminary and a woodworker. Indeed Byers had an old newel post from Alexander Hall, exactly what Warr was looking for. "It turned out to be well-seasoned, fine-grained chestnut harvested circa 1810," explained Warr, who lived in Alexander Hall when he was a student and probably used the newel post when coming down the stairs each day.

For the head of the mace, Warr sketched a globe that would be fashioned of silver and on which would be engraved the landmasses of the earth. It would be supported by four silver arms, and topped by a Celtic cross, symbolic of the Culdee Church of the Celtic people. "I was inspired by the Princeton Seminary alumni/ae who have gone into churches and mission fields around the world, and the men and women who have come to Princeton Seminary to study, and to depart to teach and preach Christ's gospel," he explained. "The world is our classroom and our mission."







Sam Warr enjoys his retirement in Florida.

Warr sent his design, along with the wood for the shaft, to a silver company in Scotland at the suggestion of a friend at Eckerd College. The company no longer did this work, but forwarded Warr's sketches to Wakely & Wheeler, Ltd. in London. "Shortly I received a letter from London enclosing a drawing in the actual size, together with quotations on the current prices of silver," Warr said. "Their drawing had caught my ideas exactly, and elaborated on them! They asked if they could use a tiny detail copied from the Book of Kells within the cross, and I told them to go ahead."

By then, in the fall of 1985, Thomas Gillespie was Princeton's president. He told Warr to proceed, and Seminary trustee Harry Kuch offered to support the project financially. The mace arrived five months later. "Bill Beeners [then professor of speech] opened it, and called me to say it was beautiful," said Warr. "I told him to take it to show Charlie Fritsch." Beeners carried the mace into the Princeton University Chapel at commencement in May 1986 and later made a wooden cradle for its storage.

The completed mace includes, beneath the head, the inscription "Princeton Theological Seminary, Founded 1812" engraved on a silver ferrule. Toward the bottom is a silver ornament of lines intertwined so as to seem continuous, unending, as is characteristic of the Celtic style.

At the dedication of the mace during a meeting of the Board of Trustees in June 1986, Warr explained that a mace was originally a heavy staff, often covered with spikes and used in the Middle Ages as a weapon for breaking armor. Later, it became a symbol of authority,

carried by a dignitary. The academy adopted the mace and the macebearer in medieval times as a symbol of the authority of the faculty and trustees of an institution. "The church adopted the mace to symbolize the authority not of might, but of grace," Warr explained at the dedication. "So it is carried as an infant is carried, cradled in the right arm. The procession to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland is preceded by a macebearer."

Warr says that President Iain Torrance was "delighted to see the mace for the first time, as he was more accustomed to its use than we are in America."

Now retired and living in Lakeland, Florida, Warr is grateful for his Princeton Seminary education. It served him well through the navy chaplaincy, and pastorates in Johnstown and Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Youngstown, Ohio, and St. Petersburg, Florida. "I have loved Princeton Seminary since the time I was a student, and all through my years as an alumnus and a trustee. I dreamed of being able to give something back."

Now every student who graduates from Princeton Seminary literally follows Sam Warr's dream. ✱

## Kathryn Taber (M.Div., 2009)

Kathryn Taber is in Jerusalem as the recipient of The Graduate Study Fellowship for the Parish Pulpit Ministry. While studying Arabic, Taber will conduct independent research on Christian theological and practical responses to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"My interest in this conflict originated my first semester at PTS," said Taber. "Since then, I have done my own research and traveling and found a way to integrate and augment my interest in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict with class work." Her return to Jerusalem marks her third trip to the Middle East. In 2007 she traveled to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron with a peacemaking delegation from Christian Peacemaker Teams, and for three months in 2008 she worked in Bethlehem through a World Council of Churches program called the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program.

## Eun Bee Ham (M.Div./M.A., 2009)

After earning her M.Div./M.A. Youth Ministry dual-degree, Eun Bee Ham moved to Pemba, Mozambique, with financial support from PTS's Graduate Study Fellowship for the Parish Pulpit Ministry. While in Pemba, Ham is attending the Iris Harvest School of Missions.

Though Korean, Ham grew up in the Philippines and Mexico, where her parents were missionaries. She moved to the United States in 1989. "I'm going to Mozambique because when I came to the U.S. I knew

God was wanting me not to just settle down and live a comfortable life," said Ham. Citing the powerful influence and inspiration of women in ministry positions and professors who believed in her and encouraged her during her four years at PTS, Ham said, "God led me here and here I found freedom and healing in so many ways. I've just blossomed, I feel like a whole person. I just have so much joy.... After all this education and being so comfortable in this country, I just want to go back to what it means to sit with the poor and see this world through God's eyes," she said.



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## Crawford Brubaker (M.Div., 2009) and Patricia Morrison Kitchen (M.Div., 1993; D.Min., 2008)

Crawford Brubaker, a 2009 graduate, with his mother Patricia Morrison Kitchen, a PTS alumna who pastors in Denver, Colorado



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## **Shelley Sauder-Aseltine (M.Div., 2009)**

Shelley Sauder-Aseltine's theological roots in the Anabaptist Mennonite and Brethren traditions led her to interesting conversations while a student. "Through ecumenical discussions, I realized how truly Anabaptist I am by my absolute commitment to scripture," she said, noting that she likes a "good debate" but doesn't seek confrontation.

"[PTS] is a place where you can have solid ecumenical dialogue, but you have to look for it," said Sauder-Aseltine. "When it's done with a humble spirit and with the intent of edifying and growing the church as the body of Christ, I think it's a wonderfully formative experience for everyone engaged in the discussion," she said.

Sauder-Aseltine begins her post-Seminary ministry at Central Congregational Church in Derry, New Hampshire, where she will direct music and worship. "It isn't a church that recites a lot of creeds or a lot of corporate prayer that's written out," said Sauder-Aseltine. "It's very focused on scripture as the text."



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## **Marcus Branch (M.Div./M.A., 2009)**

Dual-degree student Marcus Branch is applying to be a chaplain in the federal prison system. His field education experience working with youth in a group home in Oakland, California, opened his eyes to what can be done by pairing local congregations with youth who are wards of the state. "I'm looking into the prison system, but I don't think I'm through with group homes," said Branch. "One of the things I would love to do is to try to set up a national program within my denomination to partner group homes with churches around the country."



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## **Daniel Escher (M.Div., 2009) Justin Farrell (M.Div., 2009)**

Graduates Daniel Escher (right) and Justin Farrell were both accepted into the graduate program in the Department of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame, where they began Ph.D. work this fall.





### Joseph Ford (M.Div., 2009)

Joseph Ford (above left) accepted his current call, as minister of singles and young adults at Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, nearly two years ago, when he served Brentwood Baptist as a field education intern the summer after his junior year. He returned again after his middler year to continue his ministry with the church and to discern the details of his call.

When he came to PTS, Ford was already a Baptist minister. "I believe that while I knew the basics of the faith, I did not necessarily know how to express it from an academic standpoint," Ford said. "Princeton has helped me to stretch my thinking and even to challenge some of the ideas that I came into seminary with, to weigh them and see if they're what I believe."

According to Ford, PTS helped him add an academic, biblical background to his passion for God. "When I'm working on a sermon I no longer take scripture as a separate entity. Instead of isolating texts, I'm able to see [the Bible] in its entirety. That makes for a more informed message, not just for me, but for the congregation," said Ford.

### Craig Pope (M.Div., 2009)

Craig Pope (M.Div., 2009) is accepting a call as solo pastor to Montgomery Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia. Pope (above right) came to PTS after earning his master of theological studies degree from Vanderbilt Divinity School. While studying at Vanderbilt, Pope began to sense a call to ministry. "Something in me was saying, after a whole year of studying academically, that I needed another outlet," said Pope. A preaching course during his final semester at Vanderbilt, and encouragement from his preaching professor, John McClure (PTS Ph.D., 1984) and James Hudnut-Beumler, the dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School and a Presbyterian minister, tipped the scales in favor of enrollment at Princeton, where Pope had already applied in the hopes of getting grounded in practical ministry.

Preaching has always been central to Pope's sense of call, an interest and gift reflected in Pope's receipt this year of the Gerald R. Johnson Memorial Award in Speech Communication in Ministry. "Preaching provides a chance for me to use my creative skills and skills with language to connect the gospel to people's everyday lives," said Pope. In the end, though, preaching isn't about eloquence. Rather, "It's that the gospel is being spoken in a meaningful way," said Pope. "That's ultimately what you hope is impressed on people. Not, 'our pastor is so eloquent up there and the things he said so beautiful.' They need to remember what you said; that there's good news for them."

### Prayer for New Graduates

O Holy God,  
we have processed and prayed.  
We have shared scriptures and songs.  
We have received degrees and words of wisdom for the future.  
O God, we now ask for your blessings.  
We ask for your blessings to be upon each graduate and their loved ones this day.  
As these graduated now prepare to walk out of the doors of this sacred place,  
may the winds of your Spirit catch under the wings of their souls.  
And may they be carried to their next serving place around this country and  
around this globe.  
May their ministries—their preaching, teaching, caregiving, praying, scholarship,  
writing—may they bring light, and healing, and understanding, and justice, and  
hope, and love to a world that is in such great need.  
O Holy God,  
Embrace them with your Spirit.  
Empower them with your presence.  
Sustain them by your love and grace,  
From this day forward  
and forever more.  
In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.

*This prayer was given by the Reverend Jan Ammon, PTS's Bryant M. Kirkland Minister of the Chapel, at Commencement.*



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### Julia Lillis (M.Div., 2008, Th.M., 2009)

"A lot of what has been most important about my education at PTS is that this has been a time in my life where a whole new world of the importance of feminist thinking has dawned upon me," said Th.M. graduate Julia Lillis. She began Ph.D. coursework at Duke University this fall. While at Duke, she will focus on early Christianity as a major, and New Testament and women's studies as minors.

Since arriving at PTS for her M.Div., Lillis has been thinking seriously about how broad social trends feed into and are reinforced by theology. "I think the third-wave feminism that we're in historically is something that initially is focused on the well-being of women, but then a crucial corollary to that has to do with other forms of social oppression," said Lillis. "Almost every '-ism' is part of the same picture."



# THE BLESSINGS OF SUSTAINABILITY

## "The Earth Is the Lord's, and the Fullness Thereof"

### SUSTAINABILITY AT PRINCETON SEMINARY

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

When Archibald Alexander was inaugurated in 1812 as the first professor of the Seminary, Samuel Miller, for whom Miller Chapel is named, described his hope for the new institution. "It is the beginning, as we trust, of an extensive and permanent system, from which blessings may flow to millions while we are sleeping in the dust," he said, according to David B. Calhoun's *History of Princeton Seminary*. Three years later, the cornerstone was laid for Alexander Hall, which would serve as dormitory, classroom, library, and chapel for thirty-nine students. The Seminary campus consisted of six acres, and horse-drawn coaches traveled the streets of Princeton.

Today Princeton Seminary is home to more than 600 students on three campuses, with 160 acres of land, sixty-four houses, including faculty homes, and thirty-three buildings, and Miller's vision of an institution that would sustain itself for the benefit of millions is realized in the ministries of the Seminary's 10,000 living alumni/ae. But being sustainable today means more than being financially viable. The word "sustainability" appeared in 1983 in "Our Common Future," a report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, convened by the United Nations to address environmental issues on a global scale. It defined sustainable development as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Sustainability has environmental, economic, and socio-political implications—and theological implications as well. For Christian faith, sustainability is about relationship with the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all, and the one to whom, as the Psalmist reminds us, the earth, and we ourselves, truly belong. And it is also about our relationship with other human beings, and non-human beings, with whom we share the universe. "Environmentalism isn't just about the earth, but about people, about relationships with the earth and with other people, particularly those who take care of our immediate environment here at Princeton," said Patrick Heery, M.Div. middler and convener of the Environmentally Conscious Organization of Seminarians, a subgroup of Seminarians for Peace and Justice.

Heery helped coordinate a spring Earth Day celebration in March on the Seminary campus, when students worked with staff from the Facilities Department to place mulch, clean up the grounds of the campus, and plant two Cleveland Pear trees. A lunchtime forum on environmental leadership brought students and staff together to brainstorm and share ideas about best practices in sustainability.

The day ended with a worship service in Miller Chapel focused on praising the Creator, and the relationship between the "garden" of Genesis and the "city" of Revelation, addressing the question of how we can have both a thriving human society and a lush garden.

Though the Earth Day student initiatives are a recent phenomenon at the Seminary, concern for environmental responsibility is not. Perhaps no one on campus better appreciates the value of sustainability than Director of Facilities German Martinez, who leads a staff of seventy custodians, groundsmen, technicians, electricians, maintenance workers, and security officers. "Since I joined the staff in the late 1970s, I have been putting stickers by all the light switches that say, 'Turn out the lights,'" he said.

Martinez has been working with Director of Housing and Auxiliary Services Steve Cardone and Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Treasurer John Gilmore on energy conservation measures, small- and large-scale, for years. But their work took a leap forward in 2008 when Daniel Escher (M.Div., 2009) approached Martinez concerning lighting in

Photo: Len Turner



Students and staff clean up the grounds on Earth Day.



## RESOURCES FOR FURTHER READING

### Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring* (1962)

With this book, Carson became the founder of the contemporary environmental movement. Her grandfather was an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church, and Rachel was raised in the United Presbyterian Church.

### Wendell Berry, *The Unsettling of America* (1977)

Poet, theologian, and farmer, Berry offers a critique of industrial agriculture, and his defense of local, sustainable food production remains the best we have.

### Annie Dillard, *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* (1974)

Mystery, death, beauty, violence. It's all here, along with a pedagogy of attention that must be mastered before the former can be brought into focus.

### Gordon Grice, *The Red Hourglass: Lives of the Predators* (1998)

Gothic nature writing. Reflection on evil, sin, and death precipitated through encounters with some of creation's despised: black widow spiders, feral pigs, wild dogs, preying mantids, and rattlesnakes. A beautiful, brilliant, terrifying book.

### Michael Pollan, *Second Nature* (2003)

Some of you know Pollan's *The Omnivore's Dilemma* (2007), but this earlier effort is also worth reading. It's about gardening. Not a how-to book, but rather serious and sustained reflection on nature, virtue, cultivation, and grace. (*Editors' Note: Student gardeners are reading this book in small groups.*)

### Vigen Guroian, *Inheriting Paradise* (1999)

An orthodox theologian's reflections on the garden as theological trope, on gardening as spiritual practice, and on the earthy character of sacramental piety.

COMPILED BY JOHN R. BOWLIN, the RIMMER AND RUTH de VRIES ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF REFORMED THEOLOGY AND PUBLIC LIFE

the dorms. "I wanted to have lights in dorm halls on timers, so that half are off between midnight and six in the morning," Escher said. In a conversation with Martinez, Escher learned about the Seminary's efforts to reduce energy and resource consumption and environmental pollution, and he wanted to make that information available to the Seminary community to promote awareness and generate conversation. He met with Dean of Student Life Nancy Lammers Gross, Cardone, and Gilmore, and the group discussed the need for the Seminary to analyze, publicize, and prioritize its efforts toward sustainability. The result was a student job for Escher, as a sustainability coordinator under the Office of Housing and Auxiliary Services.

"We saw it as a good opportunity to hire someone who wanted to take the ball and run with it," said Cardone. During the course

of the job Escher worked with Cardone to collect information from various Seminary departments on electricity and water consumption reduction measures (90 percent of campus buildings use energy-saving bulbs; all buildings with showers have low-flow showerheads); recycling (60 tons of soda cans and glass and plastic bottles each year, 2.14 tons of shredded paper from confidential files); and many aspects of dining services (100 gallons of waste fry oil per month is sent away for bio-diesel production; food shipments are consolidated and napkins are made of recycled paper). The information was compiled into a sustainability report, available at <http://www3.ptsem.edu/intContent.aspx?id=3037>.

While turning off lights when a room is empty is a small step, installing energy-efficient lighting takes sustainability efforts to a "greener" level. The lights in the Mackay Campus Center dining hall, Main Lounge, hallways, and mechanical rooms have been changed to green-label, no-mercury compact fluorescents, with an estimated yearly savings in electrical costs of \$6,200, and changing the house lights in the auditorium from incandescent to dimmable fluorescents saved \$4,800 per year. (The Seminary recycles hundreds of old fluorescent bulbs each year.) "What matters is the return on investment," said Martinez. Although compact fluorescents are slightly more expensive, they last longer and soon pay for themselves in energy savings.

Martinez and his staff keep up with technology, and regularly attend energy symposia to learn more about sustainable options, focusing on steps the Seminary can take, however small in scale. The Seminary's location in the Northeast and the orientation of most of the roofs on its buildings don't make solar panels a realistic option, "but we did look into it," said Martinez. The Seminary purchased a hybrid vehicle for security staff members, because they drive slowly around campus 70 percent of the time and can use a battery; more hybrid vehicles for security staff will be purchased as their gas vehicles fail. Martinez says the staff road-tested electric maintenance vehicles, but they didn't get the job done. However, the Seminary's shuttle service, which started running full time in 1997, is now part of Princeton University's Tiger Transit System, which as of September 2009 uses B20 biodiesel fuel and provides bike racks.

Since the Seminary is in a historic district, some aspects of sustainability present special challenges; historic buildings require historic, but not very energy-efficient, windows. However, the new student apartments that will be built at the CRW campus will be certified LEED-silver, according to Gilmore. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Sometimes the technical services needed to be "greener" are not available, but a little old-fashioned creativity does the job. "We wish we could improve in recycling construction debris, but New Jersey doesn't



Photo: Len Turner

M.Div. middler Patrick Heery (left) at an Earth Day event



# THE BLESSINGS OF SUSTAINABILITY



Photo: Len Turner

Students and staff at the lunchtime forum on sustainability

have a lot of initiatives,” said Martinez. Instead, surplus appliances are auctioned to the Seminary community, which prevents many from landing in a landfill.

Of these efforts, some small, some of grander scale, Gilmore said, “I look at it as trying to take care of God’s creation. We take it seriously and we’re trying to be intelligent about how we allocate resources to these efforts

and balance the interests of our mission. I’m grateful to Daniel Escher, Steve Cardone, and German Martinez in particular for their efforts and contributions, and we welcome ideas,” he said. “We encourage students to work with us to help prioritize.”

Martinez agrees about the need for community-wide involvement beyond the administration of the Seminary. “It’s our future, and it’s good practice to help the environment and future generations,” Martinez said. “The challenge is to have everyone in the community of 1,000 people participate,” he said. And to have people realize that sometimes sustainability is an investment in more ways than one: “It takes green to be green,” he said.

To learn more about how PTS students, staff, and faculty are recycling, visit [www.ptsem.edu/NEWS/eblast/earthday/earthday.html](http://www.ptsem.edu/NEWS/eblast/earthday/earthday.html) Read and comment on the Seminary’s sustainability report at [www3.ptsem.edu/intContent.aspx?id=3037](http://www3.ptsem.edu/intContent.aspx?id=3037). ★

## Oats, Peas, Beans, and Barley Grow

### STUDENTS GARDEN AT CRW

BY HEATHER ROOTE FALLER

If you drive on Emmons Road on any given sunny summer day, you are likely to see seminarians and their families kneeling in the dirt amid clambering vines and furling pea shoots, planting, weeding, and harvesting vegetables in the CRW community garden. “There’s something spiritual, in a monastic sense, about shared labor building community,” said Jason Santos, a Ph.D. candidate whose dissertation focuses on integrating monastic communal practices into congregational life as a means of fostering Christian identity.

And the labor was intense. The Seminary provided the use of a tiller, which Santos hauled over the packed soil for hours on end one afternoon. A student spouse who is a contractor helped construct a sturdy fence to keep out deer and rabbits—although the occasional groundhog has been spotted squeezing its significant hindquarters through the wires.

Santos and his wife, Shannon, are deacons at CRW, and they took the lead in petitioning the Seminary for permission to plant, and organizing students to create the garden, which has twenty student family plots growing cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplants, lettuce, peas, peppers, tomatoes, and other vegetables.

Second-year dual-degree student Rebecca Kindig was one of the student gardeners. “...the garden helped us form community, which is what seminary is about...” she said. Students extended that community by dedicating a plot to the Plant a Row for the Hungry

program, donating part of the garden’s produce to Crisis Ministry of Trenton and Princeton. The organization has an office at Nassau Presbyterian Church, and serves 100 families out of that office, according to Kindig, who helped organize the effort. “Once the idea of donating some of the produce came up, it was a way for us to give back, and not all of us have ways to give back [since becoming students],” said Kindig.

Seminary children learned about the fruits of their labor, and how those fruits multiplied when given away. “The kids planted and helped weed and water...and then helped bring the vegetables to Nassau.... [When they saw the bags all lined up,] it hit home that their little bag of food can add up to a big thing,” said Kindig. To learn more about Plant a Row for the Hungry, visit [www.gardenwriters.org](http://www.gardenwriters.org).



Photo: Kim Schmidt

Emma Kindig, Rebecca Kindig’s daughter



# Students and Staff Organize for Fair Trade Coffee

BY KATHRYN LESTER

Grabbing a cup of coffee before an 8:00 a.m. class has always been a good idea. Now, it is an even better one. In March 2008, all



Photo: Kim Schmidt

Fruits of the harvest in the student garden

## HELPING CHURCHES "GO GREEN"

As part of Stewardship and Mission Week, the Reverend Fletcher Harper of GreenFaith, an interfaith coalition for the environment based in New Brunswick, New Jersey, offered a presentation on environmental stewardship from a theological perspective. "The purpose of creation isn't to end up in a landfill," said Harper, an Episcopal priest whose work for GreenFaith includes supporting houses of worship as they try to curb consumption of the earth's resources, providing religious-environmental education materials, and mobilizing faith communities to work on behalf of social justice. To date, GreenFaith has helped twenty-four congregations install solar panels—an important form of evangelism, according to Harper. Students attending the presentation were given practical advice on how to make environmental stewardship a reality in their own communities.

Interested in seeing if GreenFaith can help your congregation? Visit their web site, [www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org), to find tips on how to "go green," or to explore how their Fellowship and Certification Programs can help your congregation become an environmental leader

coffee in the Mackay cafeteria became Fair Trade, provided by Equal Exchange, through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Because ARAMARK, a national dining services company, runs the cafeteria, the process to work through such a large corporate system was long and complicated. No one worked harder than Justin Banta (M.Div., 2009) and Louisa Watkins (M.Div., 2009), comoderators of Seminarians for Peace and Justice (SFPJ), and Joe Ornellas, the food production manager for ARAMARK on the Princeton Seminary campus.

"Coffee is my favorite commodity," said Watkins with a laugh. "The food contract is a big part of life if you live on campus, and I wanted to influence something that I use everyday. I want to be proud of where I eat and what institutions I support, both ARAMARK and the Seminary."

Banta first became aware of food fairness issues when he volunteered at a local co-op farm, Local Hunger, when he was in college at Baylor University. Working there "not only exposed me to issues like fair trade, but that is where I learned about these issues within the framework of community. Even if [the work] is only on the margins, you are the most deeply invested when you work for something with a group of people."

In April 2007, the two students sat down with Noelle Damico (M.Div., 1991; Th.M., 1993), the national coordinator of the Campaign for Fair Food with the PCUSA, because Watkins and Banta wanted to learn how to start making changes in policy (see Winter/Spring 2007 *inSpire*, p. 24). Afterward, Watkins asked for a meeting with Ornellas, whose job involves purchasing everything dining-oriented for campus. He was on board immediately. Ornellas explained, "I was aware of issues of fair trade and health-consciousness, and, as part of my job, I have worked with different people in different countries. With that work, you become very aware of how a fair trade project can affect another country, and you become very aware of the trickle-down effect. It is huge." Thus, Ornellas agreed to approach higher-ups in ARAMARK, in order to get a new distributor of coffee approved. This took months,

months in which Banta didn't stop emailing Ornellas and Ornellas didn't stop submitting purchasing proposals for fair-trade coffee distributors to his superiors.

Banta reflected, "I haven't done anything like this before, something of sustained pressure and organization. Having Noelle break down the steps was key. Suddenly, we were able to see this as something we are capable of doing. It was a learning process." While Watkins admitted the process was "emotionally frustrating," she also acknowledged that, "working with social justice issues means that when you hit a roadblock you have to realize that you must make connections with the right people. Yes, there is a time to protest, but we human beings have systems in place and you've got to work with them. Working with a system means that you can change that system."

In order to show that the Seminary community fully supported this cause, Banta and Watkins drew up a petition and a statement of faith. "Because Joe was caught in the middle as an advocate, he needed to stick his neck out and we needed to show that PTS had his back," Banta explained. While only 178 students were on the meal plan, more than 200 students signed the petition. For Lent, Banta and Watkins, on behalf of SFPJ, organized a Lenten fast from all coffee that was not certified as fair trade. This would mean giving up all coffee that was available in the cafeteria—even for early morning classes! More than fifty students signed up. Nevertheless, much to the students' relief, midway through Lent, Mackay dining services officially became part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project and all the coffee became fair trade.

In the end, Ornellas admitted that he was "impressed" by the campus response. "For weeks after we got the coffee, people would come up to me and say 'Thank you.' I expected a lot of people saying, 'Hey, this coffee is good.' What I wasn't expecting was how many people would say, 'Thank you for doing a good thing.'" ✱

*Kathryn Lester is a 2009 graduate of PTS.*



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Many alums have provided their email addresses on the PTS web site. You can contact them using the online alumni/ae directory by choosing "Alumni/ae" from the home page and then "Alumni/ae Directory" in the navigation bar. If you do not have the alumni/ae password for this section, please contact the Office of Alumni/ae Relations at alumni.relations@ptsem.edu or call 609.497.7756 for further assistance.

**1946 Alan Gripe (B)** spent his early years in missionary service in the mountains of western North Carolina, the prairies of western North Dakota, and the Philippines, under the Board of National Missions and the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations. He later worked for General Assembly agencies in Philadelphia and New York City. He writes, "Now in my retirement years I am working on my memoirs. When they are published I will send an autographed copy to the PTS library!" His book, *The Interim Pastor's Manual*, was published by Geneva Press and the revised edition is now in use in Reformed/Presbyterian churches in Canada, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, and South Africa.

**1953 Aaron E. Gast (B)** preached during the 200th anniversary celebration of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in January. He is a former pastor of the church.

**1957 Robert W. MacGregor (B)**, chair of PRO International, business consultants in Minneapolis, Minnesota, taught a class on business ethics and civic responsibility at the American University of Beirut (AUB) and the Lebanese American University last

October. He is pictured here with students from his class at AUB. Last summer he taught an M.B.A. class in business ethics and global citizenship at Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand. He has been a speaker on corporate citizenship in Munich, Germany, and Madrid, Spain. ▽



**1964 In January, Ronald C. White (B)** spoke about his book, *A. Lincoln: A Biography*, at Hildenés Welcome Center in Manchester, Vermont, and delivered the keynote address at the Lincoln's Birthday Luncheon following the Lincoln Writing Competition Awards in Manchester.

**1965 J. Harold Ellens (M)** has edited, along with John T. Greene, *Probing the Frontiers of Biblical Studies, Volume 111* of the Princeton Theological Monograph Series (Pickwick Publications/Wipf and Stock Publishers, February 2009).

He now enjoys the status of professor of philosophy and psychology emeritus, pastor emeritus, executive director

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## Key to Abbreviations:

Upper-case letters designate degrees earned at PTS:

M.Div.	B	M.A.T.S.	T
M.R.E.	E	D.Min.	P
M.A.	E	Th.D.	D
Th.M.	M	Ph.D.	D

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Special graduate student G

When an alumnus/a did not receive a degree, a lower-case letter corresponding to those above designates the course of study.

emeritus of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, founding editor and editor-in-chief emeritus of the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, retired military chaplain, and retired private practice psychotherapist. He recently completed a Ph.D. in Near Eastern studies at the University of Michigan. He says he may now really retire since he may have exhausted much of the "fire in the belly" and may have said what he needed to say. He continues, however, to preach every Sunday. ▽



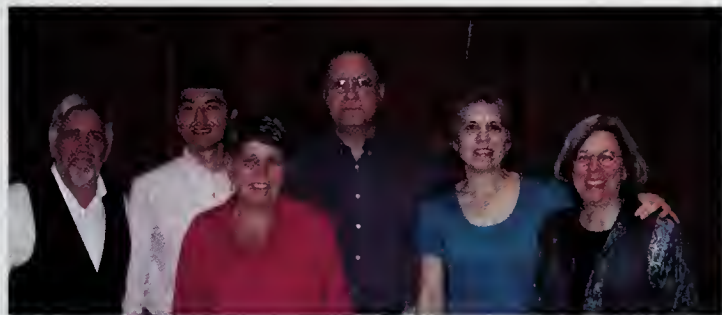
**Howard Friend (B)** has published a book of essays titled *Gifts of an Uncommon Life: The Practice of Contemplative Activism* (Alban Institute, 2008). He continues to speak, lead spiritual growth retreats, and consult with congregations and judicatories. He writes that his "tight foursome of seminary days remains tight still, visible as we meet at each year's alumni/ae gathering (Ken Graham, George Doering, Ken Parker, and myself)."

**1966 Garnett Foster (E)** retired after forty-eight years of service to the church. She was honored in May at a retirement dinner hosted by her colleagues at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Several faculty members with PTS connections were also in attendance. **Brad Wigger ('92D)**, **Alexander Hwang ('98B)**, **Foster, Jim Garrett ('83M)**,



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**Sue Garrett ('83M)**, and **Carol Cook ('85B, '94D)** are pictured left to right. ▽



**1968 Lowery M. Brantley (b)** was appointed in June as the district superintendent of the Thomasville District (Thomasville, Georgia) of the United Methodist Church.

In May, **Jerry Kelly (B)** became the interim transitional minister of the Khandallah Presbyterian Church in Wellington, New Zealand. He is excited about this opportunity to serve in "a new part of the world for me."

**1971 John C. Carr (M)** writes, "During January and February 2009, Marilyn and I had the privilege of being part of the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary community in Kottayam, Kerala, South India. I was teaching counseling theory and research methodology with M.Th., D.Th., and counseling center students, and Marilyn was teaching conversational English with B.D. students. This was the seminary's first experience of having a visiting scholar and it proved quite successful. We were housed in comfortable quarters and warmly received. I am happy to correspond with anyone interested in contributing to theological education in India in this way." Carr can be reached at pthyanded@shaw.ca.

**Joel Crosby (B)** is currently a commercial realtor and developer in Spokane, Washington. He writes that the "people skills I learned in counseling classes are

very helpful. Once I mastered the complex financial tools and learned how to negotiate, survive, and thrive in the cutthroat world of commercial real estate, it has become a most rewarding adventure. Loving one's competitors, dealing with hard-nosed people who think only of their own interests, present interesting practical theological situations. I live in a very different world than the one I inhabited as a pastor of a church in a low-income neighborhood in Spokane!"

**1972 James Resseguie (B)** was named distinguished professor of New Testament at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, where he has taught since 1976. His most recent publication is *The Revelation of John: A Narrative Commentary* (Baker Academic, 2009).

**Art Sundstrom (B, '80P)** has been named executive director of the Deerbrook Charitable Trust, a family foundation supporting people and programs that focus on improving possibilities for at-risk children, youth, and families using multigenerational approaches. He and his wife, Sara, recently moved from Hawaii to Wiesbaden, Germany,

where Sara continues to work for the U.S. government.

**1973 Fred R. Anderson (B, '81P)** has been elected chair of the board of trustees of the Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton. He continues his service on the PTS Board of Trustees, and is enjoying his eighteenth year as pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City.

**1974 Adrian Anthony McFarlane (B)** lives and works in Jamaica, where he is vice president of the International University of the Caribbean, which has learning centers in almost all of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

**1975 John W. Pope (b)** is interim pastor of Glenwood Presbyterian Church in Glenwood, Florida.

**Kent Ulery (B)** was inaugurated in January as the tenth president of Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine.

**1977 J. Andrew Dearman (B)** preached at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary's baccalaureate service in May. At the time, he was a professor of Old Testament at Austin. Effective July 1, Dearman became Fuller Theological Seminary's associate dean of the School of Theology, professor of Old Testament, and director of the Fuller Texas regional campus in Houston.

**1978 Peter E. Bauer (B)** was honored in June at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the

South Central Conference of the United Church of Christ, on the thirtieth anniversary of his ordination.

**Nancy E. Topolewski (B)** and her husband, John, have been commissioned by the Wyoming Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (New York/Pennsylvania) to write a history of the Wyoming Conference from its creation in 1852 through June 1, 2010. The history is occasioned by the impending breakup and dissolution of the conference at the New York/Pennsylvania state line on June 1, 2010, with churches in New York becoming part of a "mega" upstate New York Conference and churches in Pennsylvania joining churches of an expanded Central Pennsylvania Conference. She also was named to the editorial staff of *Methodist History*, the quarterly publication of the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church.

**1980 Thomas G. Long (D)**, professor of preaching at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia, delivered four lectures on preaching during Union Presbyterian Seminary's Sprunt Lectures in May.

In May, **Kathy Nelson (B, '86M, '92P)** was invited by former President Jimmy Carter to the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to participate in a dialogue with thirty other members of the clergy to discuss ways Christian leaders in the United States can support a two-state solution to



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## Take a Bow

**Kevin Wayne Boswell ('06B)** has been awarded a 2009–2010 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for studies abroad. Boswell is studying at the University of Capetown in South Africa.

**Byeongho Choi ('92M)**, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia, received an award in May as the Most Influential Asian American of Georgia. He is also moderator of the Korean Church Council of Greater Atlanta.

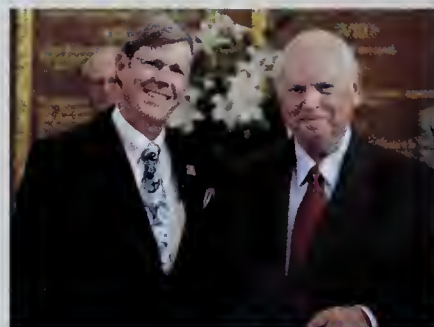
In May, **Jim Garlow ('73M)** received the "Watchman on the Wall" award from the Family Research Council and the "Justice Award" from the Pacific Justice Institute for his work on Proposition 8, the one man-one woman marriage initiative that passed in the November 2008 California election. Garlow is pastor of Skyline Wesleyan Church in La Mesa, California, and host of "The Garlow Perspective," a one-minute commentary that airs on 685 radio outlets daily throughout the United States.



**David L. Jones's ('82B)** essay "Peace is Systemic" won first prize in Bethany Theological Seminary's peace essay national writing contest and was published in the fall 2008 issue of the *Messenger*, the official publication of the Church of the Brethren. Read his essay at <http://tinyurl.com/lrauly>.

**Roger M. Kunkel ('59B)** received the 2009 Westminster Alumni Achievement Award in a special Alumni Honors Convocation Ceremony in April during alumni weekend at Westminster College

in Fulton, Missouri. He is a parish associate at the First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, Florida. He is pictured here (right) with Westminster president Dr. George B. Forsythe.



**Carl R. Lammers ('88B)** (below left) was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal for "exceptionally meritorious service" during retirement ceremonies in July led by Lieutenant General John R. Allen, deputy commander, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, Florida. Lammers was recalled to active duty in February 2003 while working in Baltimore, Maryland, as a Presbyterian minister. Since then he has been assigned to progressively more demanding positions at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Multi-National Force—Iraq, and the U.S. Central Command for the last three and one-half years. The retirement ceremony celebrated thirty years of combined active and reserve service.



the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Upon completion of this two-day event, Nelson embarked on a two-week trip to Israel and Palestine and met with various leaders in the region working on a two-state solution. She is pictured at right with former President Jimmy Carter (left) and The Right Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. Read the letter sent to President Obama from national Christian leaders appealing for peace and justice in the Holy Land at <http://tinyurl.com/o23atk>. ⇨

**John Salmon (M)** is now retired after serving a double term as president of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Prior to that he was principal of Trinity Methodist Theological

College in Auckland, and taught theology at both the University of Auckland and in a practice-based ministry training program.



**1981 Brian K. Blount (B)** has published *Revelation, A Commentary* (Westminster John Knox Press, May 2009). The book is part of the New Testament Library Series.

**Bart Ehrman (B, '85D)** was a guest in March on National Public Radio's *Fresh Air* with Terry Gross. He

discussed his newest book, *Jesus Interrupted: Revealing the Hidden Contradictions in the Bible (And Why We Don't Know about Them)* [HarperOne/HarperCollins Publishers, March 2009].

**John G. McFayden (B, '96P)** was "thrilled" to officiate at Harley Davidson's first Motor Company-sponsored "Blessing of the Bikes" on May 9 at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. McFayden, a motorcycle enthusiast for more than thirty-five years, is pastor of the



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First Presbyterian Church of  
Arlington Heights, Illinois. ▽

October he presented  
a paper at the Festschrift



**1982 Robert L. Gram (M)** was installed in January as pastor of the Hurley Reformed Church in Hurley, New York. He previously worked as a substance abuse clinician at the Addiction Institute of New York, following his graduation from Columbia University School of Social Work. To celebrate his sixtieth birthday, he summited Chimborazo (20,753 feet), the highest mountain in Ecuador and the closet point on earth to the stars. ▽

gathering for Donald Capps at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

**1983 Kathleen Long Bostrom (B)** has written *99 Things to Do between Here and Heaven* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), the ultimate "to do" list for those wishing to enrich their spiritual lives.

Last November **Mick Burns (B)** celebrated with his church, Northbrook Presbyterian Church in Beverly Hills, Michigan, the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination.

**Mark A. Lamport (M)** and his wife, Therese, spent the 2008–2009 academic year volunteering as theological education consultants with Greater Europe Mission and living in their new European headquarters in the beautiful Black Forest region of southwest Germany. They are spending the 2009–2010 academic year at Belfast Bible College in Northern Ireland.

For the last four years, **Linda J. Robinson (B)** has served the

Presbytery of Philadelphia as associate executive presbyter for pastoral ministry. She earned her D.Min. degree in May from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

**Daniel M. Saperstein (B)** has been awarded a sabbatical grant for pastoral leaders by The Louisville Institute for his project "A Polity Pilgrimage for Reflection and Renewal."

**1984 Rebecca Price Janney (B)** has written *Who Goes There? A Cultural History of Heaven and Hell* (Moody Publishers, 2009).

In July 2008, **J. Scott Miller (B)** became president of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, one of the few ministers of Word and Sacrament ever elected to that position.

**Linda Roberts-Baca (B)** was installed in September 2008 as the second female pastor of Rio Grande Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

**Scott Sheldon (B)** is director of gifts and grants for the D&R Greenway Land Trust in Princeton.

**1985 Ed Brandt (B)**, a pastor in southern California, is currently serving as chaplain with his National Guard unit in Baghdad, Iraq.

**William G. Carter (B)** has been awarded a general grant by The Louisville Institute for his project "Listening for Selah: An Exploration of Instrumental Music as a Form of Prayer."

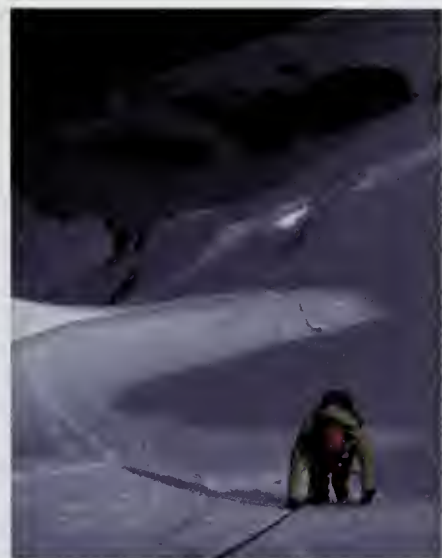
In July, **Su Yon Pak (E)** became senior director and associate professor of integrative and field-based education at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

**1987 Elisa Diller (B, '96D)** was a candidate for a special election in February for New Castle (Delaware) County's Fifth District, to fill a vacated seat. Diller is a former administrator of the State of Delaware's Office of Volunteerism, and is pastor of Christiana Presbyterian Church in Christiana. She won the election and serves as councilwoman for the Fifth District.

**1988 Jean Hilton Goodwin (B)** served as development officer with the Presbyterian Church (USA) Foundation for several years before accepting a new call last fall as the chaplain at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, a church-related continuing care retirement community in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Mark L. Tidd (M)** has been named chaplain of the U.S. Marine Corps, deputy chief of chaplains for the U.S. Navy, and deputy director of religious ministry in the Department of the Navy. His decorations include the Legion of Merit with one gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, and Navy and Marine Corps Commendation medal with three gold stars.

**1989** In February, **Allen R. Hilton (B)** was invited by his former church, The



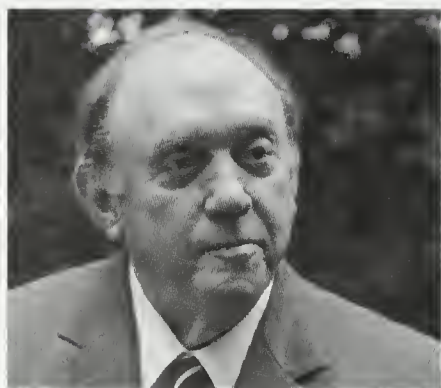
**David L. Jones (B)** was reelected to a second term in April as president of The Association for Doctor of Ministry Education. Last



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Congregational Church of New Canaan, Connecticut, to kick off a new Yale Divinity School Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Romans. He preached on this subject and then hosted an adult forum. Hilton is a freelance writer and speaker living in Seattle, Washington.

**Robert Marsden (Monty) Knight (P)** has published *Balanced Living: Don't Let Your Strength Become Your Weakness* (Wipf and Stock Publishers). He is pastor of the First Christian Church in Charleston, South Carolina. ▽



**Jennifer Lord (B)** has been reappointed associate professor of homiletics, effective July 1, 2009, at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

**Rick Ufford-Chase (b)** preached the baccalaureate sermon as part of Columbia Theological Seminary's commencement weekend in May. He is codirector of Stony Point Conference Center in New York and executive director (half time) of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. Ufford-Chase was moderator of the 216th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**1990** In July 2010 **Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi (M, '99D)**

will begin a new position as professor of global Christianities and mission studies at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. He is presently on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary.

**Dennis W. Jones (B)** has returned to The Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, as pastor. "It is the same community where I grew up as a Roman Catholic and worked as a police officer prior to seminary. The church embraced me as a teenager, nurtured me in my call, had me under their care while I was a student at Princeton, and where during the '90s I served for six years as an associate pastor doing youth ministry."

**1991 Greg Cootsona's (B)** book, *Say Yes to NO: Using the Power of NO to Create the Best in Life, Work, and Love*, was published in March by Doubleday Publishing. In July, he appeared on the *Today Show* to discuss the book.

**Lee Kinney (B)** is the new pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, North Carolina.

**1992 Jeff Chandler (B)** graduated with his D.Min. from Asbury Theological Seminary in May. A recipient of a Beeson Fellowship at Asbury, Chandler concluded his degree with a dissertation focusing on creating positive change within a Presbyterian Church (USA) session.

**Berlinda A. Love (B)** was appointed pastor of St. Luke

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Egg Harbor, New Jersey, in March. She is an itinerant elder in the AME Church.

**1994 Allan Hugh Cole Jr. (B, '01D)** has published *The Life of Prayer: Mind, Body, and Soul* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009). He was also granted tenure, effective July 1, 2009, by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he is the Nancy Taylor Williamson Associate Professor of Pastoral Care.

**Jon Martin (B)** was installed on February 15, 2009, as pastor of Green Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, Virginia. **Susanne Schultz Martin ('96B)** participated in the service.

**Christine Roy Yoder (B, '00D)** is the author of *Proverbs*, a new commentary in the Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries Series (Abingdon Press). She is associate professor of Old Testament language, literature, and exegesis at Columbia Theological Seminary.

**1995 Margot Starbuck's (B)** spiritual memoir, *The Girl in the Orange Dress: Searching for a Father Who Does Not Fail*, is available at [www.margotstarbuck.com](http://www.margotstarbuck.com). She writes, "Thanks for celebrating with me!"

**Rina L. Terry (B)** has been appointed senior pastor of Cape May United Methodist Church in Cape May, New Jersey.

**Kathleen Tice (B)**, pastor of Stelton Baptist Church in Edison, New Jersey,

inaugurated a monthly Bible study with help from former veterans of the armed forces from her church. They discuss homecoming concepts in a Christian, scriptural way for members of the armed forces, former service members, and their families and friends.

**1996 Phillip Camp (B)** recently published *Finding Your Way: A Guide to Seminary Life and Beyond* (Cascade Books, 2009), and wrote the commentaries on Hosea and Amos for *The Transforming Word One-Volume Commentary* (Abilene Christian University Press, 2009).

**Helen-Ann Hartley (M)** is now tutor in New Testament at Ripon College Cuddesdon, an Anglican theological seminary outside of Oxford. She continues to be attached to the parish of Littlemore in Oxford, and is a regular broadcaster on BBC Oxford.

**James A. Metzger (B)** recently published articles in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* ("Where Has Yahweh Gone? Reclaiming Unsavory Images of God in New Testament Studies") and in *PRISM* ("Jesus on Economic Justice in Luke: Accommodationist or Subversive?"). His dissertation was published in 2007 by Brill as *Consumption and Wealth in Luke's Travel Narrative*.

**1998 Vito Aiuto (B)** writes, "Resurrection Presbyterian Church, the church of which I am the church planter and pastor, celebrated four years of worship and service to Christ



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in June 2009." His son, Isaiah Michael, recently turned two years old.

**Rosanna Piper Anderson's (B)** article "Calvin's Threefold Strategy for Christian Education" was published in the spring 2009 issue of *The Register of the Company of Pastors*. She enjoys serving as associate pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Cranbury, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 275th anniversary this year.

**Matthew Daniel Eddy (B)** has been promoted to senior lecturer (associate professor) at Durham University in England. His recent book, *The Language of Mineralogy* (2008), addresses the scientific career of the Reverend Professor John Walker, moderator of the Scottish Presbyterian Church during the Scottish Enlightenment. He remains interested in the history of science and religion, and his Oxford Press edition of *William Paley's Natural Theology* was reprinted in 2008. In December 2009, Eddy will convene a conference titled "Prehistoric Minds: Cultures of Nineteenth-Century Human Origins," commissioned by the Royal Society of London. Eddy's wife, Thani, remains a lecturer at the University of Sunderland, and their daughter, Eirene, recently turned two years old.

**Carol J. Gallagher (M)** has been awarded a pastoral study project grant by The Louisville Institute for her project "Courageous Leadership in Troubled Times."

**James Lynch (B)** has been elected to the executive committee of the Academy of Management's Division for Organizational Communication and Information Systems (OCIS) to a three-year term as the division's practitioner/business community representative. The OCIS division of the academy is a group of 1,000 people—about ninety percent academics and ten percent business leaders—who are interested in the study, practice, and advancement of the behavioral, economic, and social aspects of communication and information systems. Lynch is vice president of employee communications at the American Express Company. In this role, he manages all internal communications for 22,000 employees worldwide.

**Lamell McMorris (B)** has been elected as a trustee of Elmhurst College. He is the founder and CEO of Perennial Strategy Group, a consulting firm in Washington DC that specializes in government relations, public affairs, global diversity, and management consulting for Fortune 500 companies, nonprofits, and trade organizations.

**Robert Seesengood (M)** has been named assistant professor of religious studies at Albright College in Reading, Pennsylvania.

**Timothy Sloan (B)** recently received a D.Min. degree in transformative leadership from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. His project was titled "Transformative

Leadership in the African American Church toward a Holistic Ministry." He is senior pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church in Humble, Texas.

**1999** In December **Melinda Contreras-Byrd (B)** was a workshop facilitator for a New Jersey Mental Health Association conference sponsored by its Promoting Emotional Wellness and Spirituality program. The initiative is dedicated to training mental health clinicians in the use of spirituality in therapy, and to addressing mental health concerns within the church.

**Kenyatta R. Gilbert (B, '07D)** has been awarded a 2009–2010 first book grant for minority scholars by The Louisville Institute for his project "Cry Out! Prophetic Word and African American Preaching." This grant seeks to assist junior religious scholars of color in tenure-track positions to complete a major research and book project, focusing on an issue in American Christianity.

**Mark Lee (B)** recently completed a CPE residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington. His new assignment is to the Combat Operations Stress Control battalion, the 98th MED Team, at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is also celebrating his admission to the University of Aberdeen's Ph.D. program in practical theology, and hopes to finish the D.Min. degree at Erskine Seminary by the end of this year. He writes, "Most of all, [I am] praising and thanking God for a beautiful and supportive

family: wife, Kyo Young Park, and daughters, Nicole (six) and Lauren (ten months)."

**Timothy McConnell (B)** completed his Ph.D. at the University of Virginia in May, having defended a dissertation under Robert Louis Wilken on Basil of Caesarea's doctrine of the Holy Spirit. He will continue as director of graduate ministries at the Center for Christian Study in Charlottesville.

**Rachel Morse (b)** finished her Masters of Social Work in 2009 and is currently the director of HIV prevention education for the State of Oklahoma Department of Education.

**Mark Pulver (B)** has launched a radio show called *Jesus21* ([www.blogtalkradio.com/jesus21](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/jesus21)) via [blogtalkradio.com](http://blogtalkradio.com). The program explores the person and teachings of Jesus and how they intersect with spiritual, social, vocational, economic, and political questions of the twenty-first century. Pulver hosts the program and covers a variety of topics through interviews with leading pastors, authors, scientists, scholars, teachers, artists, businessmen and women, and government officials.

**2000** **Michael Lindsay (B)** was a featured speaker in January at the Christian Business Luncheon in Tomball, Texas. He is a faculty member at Rice University, the faculty associate of Leadership Rice, associate director of the Center on Race, Religion, and Urban Life at



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Rice, and a Rice scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy.

**Nannette Pierson (B)** received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological School in 2005. She relocated from New Jersey to South Carolina last summer and opened the Sandalwood Community Food Pantry on Hilton Head Island. Pierson also founded a South Carolina chapter of Newborns in Need that provides life's basic essentials to newborns that live in poverty or face critical illness in their young lives. ▽



**Laura Savenelli (B)** is the director of Strong Families, a marriage education program for low-income couples in the Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania).

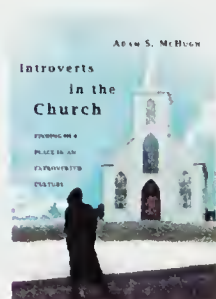
**Charles S. "Case" Thorp III (B)** recently graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with his Doctor of Ministry degree in missional ecclesiology.

**2001 Jonathan Eric Carroll (M)** was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May 2009. He is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Owensboro, Kentucky.

**Barry Gray (B)** serves as vice moderator of New Castle Presbytery and dean of their CLP program. He took a three-month sabbatical this summer, and spent the month of July in Scotland seeking places where spiritual renewal is happening within the Church of Scotland.

**James Dean Millar (B)** took some sabbatical time this spring to solo-walk the ancient pilgrimage, the Way of Saint James (Camino de Santiago), beginning in St. Jean Pied du Port, France, and walking to Santiago de Compostello, Spain. Millar writes that it took him just over thirty days to walk a little less than 500 miles.

**Adam McHugh (B, '02M)** has published *Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture* (InterVarsity Press, October 2009), in which he looks at key aspects of the Christian life—spirituality, community, evangelism, worship, and leadership—from the perspective of an introvert, and also exposes what he considers the extroverted bias of many churches. ▽



**2002 Jonathan L. Walton (B, '06D)** has written *Watch This! The Ethics and Aesthetics of Black Televangelism* (New York University Press, 2009). He is assistant professor of religious studies at the University of California, Riverside.

**2003 Glenn A. Chestnutt (B, '04M)** was elected minister of St. John's Gourrock, Scotland. He was ordained and inducted on February 25, 2009.

**Kelly Hansen's (B)** National Guard unit, the 81st Brigade from Washington State, was called up in July 2008 to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. She currently serves as a chaplain for the 1-161 IN (CAB) Battalion at Joint Base Balad, Iraq. Her husband, Ed, is working in Seattle, Washington, and holding down the home front with their two boys, Zach (three) and Nick (one). Hansen expected to be in Iraq through August and can be reached at kellyhansen1@hotmail.com.

In January **Andrew R. Hart (B)** became pastor of the Old First Church in Huntington, New York.

**Christopher B. Hays (B)** was ordained on March 8, 2009, at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church in La Crescenta, California. He writes that a number of PTS people were able to attend. Pictured here, from left to right: **K.C. Wahe ('03B)**, **Lee Cook ('02B)**, **James T. Butler ('73B, p)**, **Hays**, **Jeff DeSurra** (not a PTS graduate), and **Daniel Lee ('03B)**. **Gary Dennis ('72B)**, pastor of La Cañada Presbyterian Church in La Cañada, California, was part of the ordination commission. ▽



**Mark Torres (B)** has reported for duty with the Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron One, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

**Cathleen Jaworowski Wolff (B)** writes, "Our miracle girl, Zoë Marie Wolff, was born on February 5, 2009, at 2:01 a.m., weighing eight pounds and measuring 20-1/2-inches." Zoë was born at Yuma Regional Medical Center in Yuma, Arizona, where her mother is the women and children staff chaplain.

**2004 Eric Barreto (B)** joined the faculty of Luther Seminary this fall as assistant professor of New Testament.

**David D. McMillan (M)** has retired from the U.S. Army chaplaincy after twenty years and is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Florala, Alabama. He writes, "We love the lake and the people!"

**Kristin Saldine (D)** has been reappointed assistant professor of homiletics, effective July 1, 2009, at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

**Joyce Smothers (B, '05M)** was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Hokendauqua, Pennsylvania, on May 17, 2009.



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## weddings &amp; BIRTHS

## WEDDINGS

Jerres Jane P. Mills ('84B) and Richard Morrison, July 31, 2009  
 Stephanie Michelle Hale and Joseph Warren Walker III ('99P), May 23, 2009  
 Amy Marie Wolfe and John Hardin Sawyer ('01B), May 16, 2009  
 Amanda Fleishman ('02B) and J.D. Wilson Jr., January 24, 2009  
 Natasha Raye Skowronski and Brian David Egelston ('04B), June 13, 2009  
 Sarah Lovinger and Andrew Florio ('05B), September 13, 2008  
 Megan Elizabeth Partridge and Clarence "Clay" Roy Stauffer III ('05B), May 16, 2009  
 Traci Marie Smith ('06B) and Elias Antonio Cabarcas Arroyo, October 11, 2008  
 Cynthia Betz ('08B) and Russell Bogoly, July 18, 2009  
 Jamie Gervais and Sam Lacy ('09BE), July 4, 2009  
 Colleen Nelson ('09B) and Stuart Strachen Jr. ('08B), June 13, 2009

## BIRTHS

Robert Hinson Taylor to Jenny Hinson and Kevin Taylor ('98B) on March 10, 2009  
 Ava Sage to Allison and Kenyatta R. Gilbert ('99B, '07D) on June 8, 2009  
 Cormac Satran Annan to Shelley Satran ('00B) and Kent Annan ('99B) on March 21, 2009  
 Csege to Szilvia and Gabor Egeresi ('01M) on September 26, 2008  
 Opal June to Laura and Joe C. Hays ('01B) on July 21, 2009  
 Adelyn Grace to Jenevieve and Brian Hughes ('01B) on May 3, 2009  
 Anaya Kaira to Antoinette and Gregory C. Ellison II ('02B, '08D) on April 2, 2009  
 Carter George to Michelle ('02B) and Frank Grunseich on April 6, 2009  
 Oscar Robert to Allison Herman ('03B) and Keith Beaulieu on August 30, 2009  
 Zoë Marie Wolff to Cathleen Jaworowski ('03B) and Ray Wolff on February 5, 2009  
 Silas Patrick to Michelle and Todd Kennedy ('04B) on May 28, 2009  
 Gwendolyn Grace to Katherine and William McLean ('07B) on November 26, 2008  
 Clara Kate to Elizabeth Braden ('08B) and Jon ('02B, '08D) Wood on August 24, 2009  
 Benjamin Andrew to Ashley and Craig Pope ('09B) on July 3, 2009

## 2005 Catherine Evans

**Knott (B)** has been called as associate pastor of the Oban Kilmore Church in Oban, of the Argyll Presbytery in Scotland. She was installed on May 14, 2009, and remains a member of Chicago Presbytery.

## 2006 Staci Bryson (B)

graduated in May from New York University with a Masters of Arts in Mental Health and Wellness Counseling.

In November, **Jeff Carter (P)**, senior pastor of the Manassas

Church of the Brethren in Manassas, Virginia, was the guest speaker for renewal services at the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren in Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

**Chad L. Christensen (M)** began a call in January as pastor of Vermont Lutheran Church in Black Earth, Wisconsin. He is the first full-time pastor in the congregation's 153-year history.

In September, **Jason Ingalls (B)** began studies at Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto to pursue a Th.M.

## 2007 Family, friends, and

alumni/ae were among those witnessing **José G.**

**González-Colón's (B)** ordination as minister of Word and Sacrament and installation as pastor of Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Habla Española de Brooklyn (South Third Church). It was a joyous occasion highlighted by the delivery of the sermon by González-Colón's father, the Reverend José González, pastor of Strong Place Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York.

**David Hallgren (B)** was ordained and installed as a designated associate pastor for children and families at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington, on February 1, 2009. He had been working in this position as a director since July 2007. Attending the ordination were PTS alums **Jennifer Jenkins ('07B)**, **Lindsay Harris ('07B)**, **Zach Walker ('07B)**, and **Charlie Scoma ('07B)**.

**Christopher Michael Jones (B)** was installed as senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hillside, New Jersey, in November 2008. He also began the D.Min. degree at Memphis Theological Seminary in January 2008. His book *What to Expect When You're Accepted: An African American Christian's Guide to College* (Judson Press, 2006), made the National Best Sellers list in September 2008.

**Will Shurley (B)** was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Titusville, New Jersey, on May 3, 2009. Shurley was previously PTS's assistant director of alumni/ae relations.

**Deanna Womack (B, '08M)** and her husband, Mike, have finished their mission assignment at the Secondary Evangelical School in Zahle, Lebanon. They will continue as mission volunteers at the Lebanese Evangelical School on the outskirts of Beirut, both in Christian education and high school English. They returned to the United States this summer to visit churches and reconnect with family.



# Outstanding in the FIELD

## SIGNS OF HOPE

### WALTON AWARD RECOGNIZES CHURCH GROWTH

BY KERI WILLARD-CRIST

**At a time when denominational membership may be dwindling, signs of hope are springing forth. Three congregations pastored by PTS alumni/ae were recipients of The Sam and Helen R. Walton Award, \$50,000 given annually to new church developments in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Read about what these alumni are doing to grow the church.**

#### The Reverend Graham J. Baird (M.Div., 2000)

“No perfect people allowed” is the motto at Highlands Church, and it’s working. What began as a small church meeting in a movie theater in Paso Robles, California—a town of 30,000 people already served by nearly fifty houses of worship—now welcomes 1,000 people to its three weekly worship services.

When he started the church in 2006, Graham Baird was mulling over a single question: If people aren’t in church, why not? His answer translated into new and dynamic worship. “People coming to church were more creative than the leaders of the church they were attending,” said Baird. “They wanted that creativity and life reflected in the church, and it just wasn’t there.”

In an attempt to “meet people where they are,” the staff at Highlands Church found creative inspiration from unexpected sources. Highlands Church’s “twenty-first century liturgy” takes cues from late night talk show hosts Conan O’Brien and Craig Ferguson; the worship leaders are likely to play music from bands such as U2 or The Fray; instead of Vacation Bible School, a team of 100 volunteers staff a flag football camp at a park in town; and sermons are often accompanied by images projected on screens behind the speaker.

In many ways, the physical location of Highlands Church, central to the daily lives of people, mirrors the theology and mission of the church. Across the street from Highlands Church is Walmart, one of the hubs of local life. A strip mall sits close by, and a bike and walking path cuts through the outskirts of the property, an artery that carries its users directly into the heart of Paso Robles.

Baird and his staff affectionately refer to Highlands Church as

“The Barn,” an apt metaphor for the work they do. “We call it The Barn because we say that we want people to come as they are,” said Baird. “If people go into a barn they wouldn’t fix their hair first, or make their life perfect first. We want people to come and sharpen their tools, because the harvest is outside the church,” he said.

Highlands Church isn’t afraid of change. Though the church is Presbyterian, it has plenty of religious diversity, “all within the spectrum of evangelical, orthodox theology, though there are certainly moderate and liberal voices,” said Baird. The steering team alone is made up of former Catholics, Charismatics, Pentecostals, and Nazarenes, among others. In the end, it’s all about reaching people with the message of Jesus Christ. “We really try to have people fall in love with Jesus, because there’s so much that’s loveable,” said Baird. “We’ll do whatever it takes.”

Highlands Church will use a portion of their winnings to update their worship space by investing in new sound and lighting equipment, replacing what they’ve used since their years meeting in a movie theater. [Learn more at www.highlandsadventure.org](http://www.highlandsadventure.org).

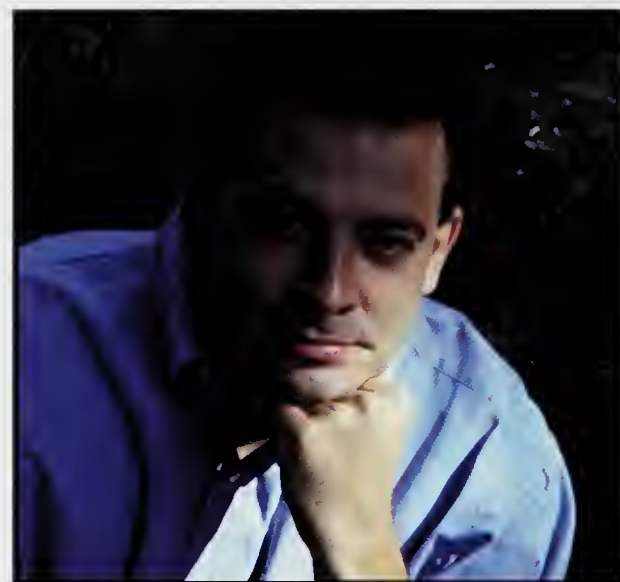


Photo: Jill Alexander



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**The Reverend David Sang Chil Yi (M.Div., 2001)**

Though it started with fifteen to twenty people, the Reverend David Sang Chil Yi, pastor of Top Stone Church in Englewood, New Jersey, leads a congregation that grew 38 percent last year alone. Yi's congregation, which rents space from an Episcopal church, will use their Walton winnings as seed money for a building of their own.

As the only full-time pastor to a congregation of more than 100 members, Yi hopes to expand the church's ministries and outreach as the membership grows. For now, with a predominantly older Korean congregation, Yi stresses the centrality of preaching to the growth and vitality of Top Stone Church, likening it to nourishment of the soul. "People are very hungry for spiritual food," he said. "The United States of America is the richest country in the world, but spiritually we are very hungry."

**The Reverend Scott Bowerman (M.Div., 1990)**

New Kirk Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, which began with fewer than twenty people gathered in Scott Bowerman's living room, soon flourished, starting public worship in a school in December 2004, and this year beginning construction on a building of their own for the nearly 300 congregants.

"The worship in many Presbyterian churches represents the worship of the 1950s," said Bowerman, who contends that fear of change stifles church growth. Though he doesn't critique that worship style itself, he does critique the mindset in which avoiding engagement with culture is presented as faithfulness. "We follow the ancient-future paradigm," Bowerman said of the worship services at New Kirk Presbyterian. This means that the ancient prayers of Augustine and traditional creeds



Photo: Susan Bowerman

are paired with "kicked up" music that features the mandolin, fiddle, drums, and sometimes even Southern bluegrass.

New Kirk Presbyterian Church will use their winnings to create a fellowship area that includes a fireplace, comfortable seating, and a coffee bar that serves award-winning coffee beans from a local roaster and member of the congregation.

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Ellen T. Charry  
Virstan Choy ('74B)  
Rhoda Joy Church  
Douglas A. Dunderdale ('54B)  
Craig ('73B/'78D) and Betsy Dykstra  
Abigail Rian Evans ('68B)  
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Robert K. Kelley ('48B)  
John Ray Knight  
Theodore Koopmans ('38B)  
Kosuke Koyama ('55M/'59D)  
Guy Edwin Lambert Jr. ('45B/'53M)  
Bickford Lang ('48B)  
John H. Marks ('49B)  
William McElwee Miller ('18B/'19M)  
Bruce M. Metzger ('38B/'39M)  
Abrilla Nordquist  
Viggo Norskov Olsen ('60M)  
Leonard J. Osbrink ('45B)  
Warren W. Ost ('51B)  
W. Burney Overton ('42B)  
Marilyn E. Palmer  
H. Edwin Rosser ('45B)  
Yvonne Sefcik  
Cullen IK Story ('64D)  
Ralph A. Tamaccio ('51B)  
Ben Towne  
Bertram Anderson Walker  
Gerritt Hendrik Wolfensberger ('53b)

### Scholarship Fund

#### **In Honor/Appreciation of**

Charles L. Bartow ('63B)  
Donald Capps  
Abigail Rian Evans ('68B)  
Daniel L. Migliore ('59B)  
J. Randall Nichols ('67B/'70D)  
Mark P. Thomas ('80B/'97P)  
Elaine L. Woroby ('86B)  
Richard L. Young ('89B)

#### **In Memory of**

W.H. and Carolyn Cuttino  
Alice and Peter Frantzen  
Robert C. Holland ('62B)  
Lefferts Loetscher  
G. Hall Todd ('38B)

### Center for Continuing Education

#### **In Memory of**

Jack Cooper ('43B)

### Chapel Bench Memorial Fund

#### **In Memory of**

William M.K. Imbrie (1870B)

### Harwood and Willa Childs Memorial

#### Scholarship Endowment Fund

#### **In Honor/Appreciation of**

Margaret Childs Armstrong  
Richard S. Armstrong ('58B)

### Class of 1953 Scholarship

#### Endowment Fund

#### **In Memory of**

W.J. Beeners ('48B)

### Class of 1970 Scholarship

#### Endowment Fund

#### **In Memory of**

Jack Cooper ('43B)

### David Livingstone Crawford Memorial

#### Scholarship Endowment Fund

#### **In Honor/Appreciation of**

The Crawford Family

#### **In Memory of**

David L. Crawford ('47B)

### Carol Gray Dupree Center for Children

#### Endowment Fund

#### **In Memory of**

Margaret J. Dupree  
William R. Dupree ('46B)

### James G. Emerson Sustaining Pastoral

#### Excellence Endowment Fund

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William R. Dupree ('46B)

## The Reverend Dr. Samuel Allen and Anne McMullan Jackson Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund

**In Memory of**  
Thomas C. Jackson ('52B)

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Gwen Little  
Iain R. Torrance

**In Memory of**  
Susan Hall Galloway ('66E)  
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William F. Sr. and Emily Rogers

## Dan C. Thomas Internship Endowment Fund

**In Memory of**  
Lois A. Thomas

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PTS Touring Choir

**In Memory of**  
Richard W. Irwin ('47B)  
Thomas Laurence Thorne ('58B)

## 2009 Senior Class Gift In Honor/Appreciation of Princeton Theological Seminary

## Bryant M. Kirkland Minister of the Chapel Endowment Fund

**In Honor/Appreciation of**  
Reverend William O. Culton ('68B)

**In Memory of**  
Bryant M. Kirkland ('38B)

## Philip Rodgers Magee Scholarship Endowment Fund

**In Memory of**  
Philip Rodgers Magee ('52B)

## David A. Weadon Memorial Endowment Fund

**In Memory of**  
Dr. David A. Weadon



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Rania Nabil Gergawy (left) and Wagdy Wahba Elisha, who are studying at the Evangelical Seminary in Cairo, Egypt, are special students at PTS this year as Hanle Scholars. The Seminary is most grateful to Mrs. Dorothy Hanle for her generosity in making this possible.

Gifts to the following scholarship endowment funds, awards, and chairs have been gratefully received in honor/appreciation of or in memory of those for whom they are named. Others who wish to donate to these funds are welcome to do so, with our gratitude. For more information, contact the Seminary Relations Office at 609.497.7750 or by email at [seminary.relations@ptsem.edu](mailto:seminary.relations@ptsem.edu).

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John R. and Isabel Hyde Donelik  
William H. Felmeth ('42B)  
John Thomas Kort ('73B/'90P)  
Kalman L. ('51D) and Catherine H. ('51E) Sulyok  
Robert Doran Young



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## *Foundations: Building for Ministry* Bringing Science and Theology Together

Through the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation, Princeton Seminary will kick off its new Science for Ministry Institute in November 2009. The program is funded by a \$346,988 grant from the foundation, whose broader Science for Ministry Initiative seeks to support effective science education programs and resources for people active in ministry.

Princeton's program will help people active in ministry talk about science with their congregants by bringing pastors and scientists together for conversations about the complementary nature of theology and science. "We want to address a common experience of ministers and scientists of faith who struggle to develop a constructive dialogue around issues of theology and science in their ministry contexts," says Dr. J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, who is the James I. McCord Professor of Theology and Science at the Seminary and codirector of the institute. "We want to equip leaders in ministry with the tools and knowledge to respond confidently to these fundamental questions, and to the challenges and the contributions that each discipline makes to the other."

Van Huyssteen, a world-renowned scholar, delivered the distinguished Gifford Lectures in 2004, later published as *Alone in the World? Human Uniqueness in Science and Theology*. He was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Theology degree by his alma mater, The University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

The institute will be offered over a three-year cycle. It is designed for 144 participants, two individuals from each of seventy-two Christian faith communities. Each community will send a scientist and a theologian to participate together in courses that address two essential questions shared by theology and science: questions of origin and questions of human nature, including questions like How did the human moral sense come to be? Each group of twenty-four participants will meet together over three years for conversations, first for a five-day introductory program and then for a series of courses that focus on topics such as cognitive science, neuroscience, the human person, and evolution in cosmology and biology. The grant will subsidize the majority of costs for participants.

Kenneth Reynhout, a Princeton Seminary Ph.D. candidate in science and theology who was trained as a mathematician, will codirect the program with van Huyssteen. Reynhout grew up an evangelical Christian in Minnesota; his father taught biology at an evangelical Christian college and was a firm believer in evolution.

The mission of the Templeton Foundation is to be a philanthropic catalyst for discovery in areas engaging life's biggest questions.

For more information or to apply for the program, which begins with a November 2–6 introductory course, visit [www.ptsem.edu/scienceforministry](http://www.ptsem.edu/scienceforministry). ✱

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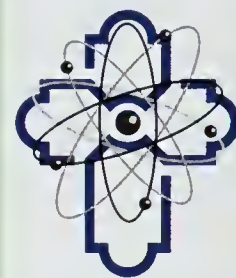


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Professor van Huyssteen

## *Investing in the Next Generation*

Attending a youth conference at Princeton Seminary when she was in high school changed Delores Kelley's life when a number of years later she married a man she met there, a Princeton Seminary graduate, Robert K. Kelley (Class of 1948). In 2008 she established an award in his name, the Robert K. Kelley Memorial Award in Youth Ministry. 2009 graduate Erin Elizabeth Heisler, pictured with Mrs. Kelley, received the award in May at a breakfast for donors, award recipients, and their families. Heisler is now minister of children and youth at Haslett Community Church in Haslett, Michigan.

"The Seminary became a vital part of our family life with annual treks to Princeton with our two daughters," Kelley said. "We feel strongly that Princeton is addressing the challenges of the twenty-first century while remaining faithful to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We have included the Seminary in our estate planning and are including it now in our annual giving. It was a joy to meet Erin, and to see her enthusiasm for youth ministry, an enthusiasm that marked my husband's ministry."



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Erin Heisler (center), recipient of the Robert K. Kelley Award in Youth Ministry, pictured with Delores Kelley (left) and her daughter D. Robbin Kelley.



## in MEMORIAM

*Blessed are the dead...who die in the Lord. Yes, says the Spirit, they will rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them.*

*Revelation 14:13*

**1932:** Philip D. Arcularius  
February 1, 1985  
Barrington, New Jersey

**1935:** John W. Pressly  
January 14, 2007  
North Plains, Oregon

**1941:** Charles R. Ehrhardt  
March 30, 2009  
Phoenix, Arizona

Paul C. Nicholson  
May 24, 2009  
Lakeland, Florida

Erland Waltner  
April 12, 2009  
Elkhart, Indiana

**1942:** Clyde Allison  
April 11, 2009  
Lowell, Indiana

**1943:** Robert H. Bickford  
January 3, 2000  
Lindstrom, Minnesota

Jack Cooper  
February 20, 2009  
Newtown, Pennsylvania

Thomas R.G. Evans  
January 22, 2009  
Montville, New Jersey

**1944:** Kenneth V. Brown  
May 19, 2009  
Audubon, Pennsylvania

Neil C.P. Dukelow  
July 1, 2009  
Lenexa, Kansas

**1946:** William R. Dupree  
April 5, 2009  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Leslie M. Gonnsen  
September 4, 2008  
Pasadena, California

George E. Sadler  
April 7, 2009  
Charleston, South Carolina

**1947:** George A. Allen Jr.  
March 27, 2009  
Wayne, Pennsylvania

Jiří Carda  
January 2, 2009  
Krabčice, Czech Republic

Donald M. Meisel  
February 23, 2009  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Richard R. Syre  
December 19, 2004  
Woodruff, Wisconsin

**1948:** Weyman R. Cleveland  
July 11, 2009  
Thomasville, Georgia

**1949:** Walter R. Coats  
February 3, 2009  
Newtown, Pennsylvania

Norris L. Fellows  
July 17, 2008  
Mocksville, North Carolina

Joseph E. Kropff  
October 30, 2008  
Pasadena, California

John H. Marks  
April 15, 2009  
Princeton, New Jersey

**1950:** Prescott H. Williams Jr.  
June 18, 2009  
Austin, Texas

**1951:** John M. Thompson  
July 12, 2009  
Sarasota, Florida

John M. Wingerd  
October 9, 2007  
Cape Coral, Florida

**1952:** Pauline L. Browne  
August 18, 2008  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Henry F. Jonas  
April 3, 2009  
Rancho Bernardo, California

Philip R. Magee  
June 21, 2009  
Parkville, Maryland

Raymond A. Martin  
August 4, 2009  
Dubuque, Iowa

**1953:** Roger L. Beach  
August 4, 2009  
Quarryville, Pennsylvania

**1955:** Dorothea N. Bowers  
May 11, 2006  
Collier, Pennsylvania

Paul A. Corcoran  
February 8, 2009  
Cornwall, Pennsylvania

Kosuke Koyama  
March 25, 2009  
Turner Falls, Massachusetts

Wilfred G. Sager  
April 28, 2009  
Fort Worth, Texas

**1956:** Charles O. Bennett Jr.  
February 9, 2009  
Sykesville, Maryland

David Haskil Gill  
May 23, 2009  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Ralph D. Winter  
May 20, 2009  
Pasadena, California

**1957:** Carolyn Symmes Brace  
March 1, 2009  
Roanoke, Virginia

T. Larry Cardwell  
March 31, 2009  
Seal Beach, California

Harriette Edwards Davis  
March 10, 2008  
Oxford, Georgia

Gerald L. Hill  
January 10, 2009  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma

**1958:** Earle L. Eastman  
June 20, 2009  
Skaneateles, New York



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John D. Scott  
August 11, 2009  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**1959:** Robert W. MacMillan Jr.  
January 5, 2008  
Freehold Township, New Jersey

**1960:** Albert C. May Jr.  
August 13, 2009  
Tallmadge, Ohio

**1961:** Milton Pierre Burns Jr.  
August 1, 2009  
Fairhope, Alabama

**1962:** Howard M. Ervin  
August 12, 2009  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

William H. Gage  
June 10, 2009  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

David E. McGuire  
June 15, 2009  
New Milford, Connecticut

**1963:** Ernest Wu  
April 29, 2009  
El Granada, California

**1966:** Michio Takahashi  
November 25, 2008  
Tokyo, Japan

**1967:** Gordon A. Folke  
March 22, 2009  
Whitewater, Pennsylvania

**1969:** John L. Knower  
January 31, 2009  
Barneveld, New York

**1971:** Sara E. Bradley  
June 30, 2009  
Cuba, New York

**1972:** William R. Forbes  
June 30, 2009  
Baltimore, Maryland

**1974:** Gladys M. Showack  
June 30, 2009  
Williamstown, New Jersey

**1976:** Arnold J. Van Lummel  
February 4, 2009  
Goshen, Indiana

**1977:** David Howell Bailey  
April 5, 2009  
Bangkok, Thailand

Theodore R. Lorah Jr.  
January 31, 2009  
Honey Brook, Pennsylvania

James W. Myles III  
April 29, 2009  
Wayne, Pennsylvania

**1978:** Gordon Bruce Turner  
January 19, 2009  
Vancouver, British Columbia,  
Canada

**1981:** James M. Newland  
July 1, 2009  
Westminster, California

**1983:** Maureen J. Morris  
April 22, 2008  
Severna Park, Maryland

**1985:** John Cousins Hall  
April 24, 2009  
Winthrop, New York

**1991:** Carol B. Boys  
March 1, 2008  
Flemington, New Jersey

**2002:** John Paul Shepherd Jr.  
June 12, 2009  
Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania

**Kosuke Koyama ('55M, '59D)**, John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor Emeritus of Ecumenical Studies at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, died on March 25, 2009, in Springfield, Massachusetts. He was 79.

Koyama was born on December 10, 1929, in Tokyo, Japan. He graduated from Tokyo Union Theological Seminary in 1952 and then pursued theological studies in the United States, where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree *cum laude* in 1954 from Drew Theological School. At Princeton Seminary he received a Master of Theology degree in 1955 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1959.

He was an important figure in the development of global Christianity, drawing upon his own missionary experiences to convey a vision of Christianity as compatible with Asian traditions. He was an influential voice for ecumenism, taught classes on Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism at Union, and was an early proponent of multiculturalism and religious pluralism.

He delivered the Toyohiko Kagawa Lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary in October 2004.

Koyama is survived by his wife of fifty years, Lois Koyama, and his children: James, Elizabeth, and Mark, as well as five grandchildren: Matthew, Isabel, Sophie, Amos, and Silas.

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Maintenance Supervisor  
July 8, 2009  
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August 4, 2009  
Overland Park, Kansas



## FRANKLY SPEAKING

BY VICTOR ALOYO JR.

We are living in exciting times, and a renewed sense of passion for the gospel is being lifted up within a society that is constantly changing. There are dramatic movements taking place in our society and in our churches. These movements are characterized by the tremendous variety that human beings exhibit, and make it all the more remarkable to realize that we all come from the one Creator, that we all depend on God, and that we all can find salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yet we are living in a society that challenges the very nature of the “common-ness” of our faith. A society where differences are reinforced by systemic forces of racism, ethnocentrism, sexism, and classism. A society where the repugnance of “the other” is intensified both for those who have power and for those who are powerless. We are living in a time that is characterized by overt and intentional hate.

Estranged from the God of peace, human beings have made ethnic differences a source of deadly conflict. Out of greed for wealth and power, land and its fruits, one ethnic group oppresses another, excluding it from the things that rightfully belong to it, suppressing cultural distinctiveness, plundering material goods, sometimes even threatening and obliterating its very existence. These patterns of cross-cultural encounter permeate even church structures and processes.

Our “common-ness” as a people of God will have a deeper value when we, in simple obedience, reach out to our neighbors across social and cultural boundaries. Increasingly it is true that we do not have to move very far geographically to meet someone whose language or way of life is very different from one’s own. The influx of immigrants to the cities, suburbs, and rural areas of the United States provides the church with unequalled opportunities for cross-cultural dialogue.

Immigrant churches, particularly in Hispanic and Latina/o communities, are

growing because scripture is a primary instrument in their faith development. People who have been influenced by hierarchical or patronizing religious systems strongly desire an “informed faith,” which is one of the treasures of Princeton’s Reformed heritage. As such, we who are a confessional church must nurture our faith through the careful interpretation of scripture, as our Reformed tradition demands.

It is in this context that Princeton Theological Seminary has established an Office of Multicultural Relations, the first of the Presbyterian seminaries to do so. Located in the Department of Student Life, the office focuses on the concerns of international and racial-ethnic students and on diversity issues. It promotes campus programs relating to opportunities for and appreciation of multi- and cross-cultural experiences, facilitates the life and work of the racial-ethnic councils of the faculty, and assists various Seminary constituencies to provide learning opportunities regarding multicultural and racial-ethnic relations.

We seek to live out our strategic plan by creating institution-wide diversity and multicultural initiatives that will enrich the lives of our students, faculty, and staff by providing a climate of understanding and appreciation of the full range of human experience in order to foster a more inclusive community. In these ways, Princeton Seminary continues to demonstrate its recognition of, and its commitment to, the educational benefits of domestic and global diversity. Educational diversity benefits individuals, institutions, the church, and the private and public sector. We seek to foster systemic change that proactively creates a diverse student body, a diverse curriculum, and a diverse faculty, staff, and administration.

The complexities of theological education in the twenty-first century require the Seminary to move away from a fragmented approach to diversity and toward a more comprehensive strategy. Conceptually, diversity must move from being regarded

as the responsibility of a few designated individuals to being understood as an endeavor shared by all Seminary constituents. This shared endeavor includes planning and execution of diversity initiatives, as well as responsibility and accountability for the Seminary’s advancement toward goals consistent with its vision and strategic plan. We celebrate the appointment and development of the Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity, which will enhance the institution’s diversity efforts in a manner consistent with the Seminary’s mission statement.

We are a nation with roots in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Our deepest roots are with the people who originally populated the land that is now the United States. In the midst of these varied cultures, many individuals are isolated. We relate only to people like ourselves, and so we severely limit our witness for Christ. Embracing the diversity of our gifts, which we are called to do, will require constructive dialogue, intentional planning, and appreciation of a multiplicity of talents and gifts, perceptions, and ideas as we pursue ministry together in the twenty-first century.”

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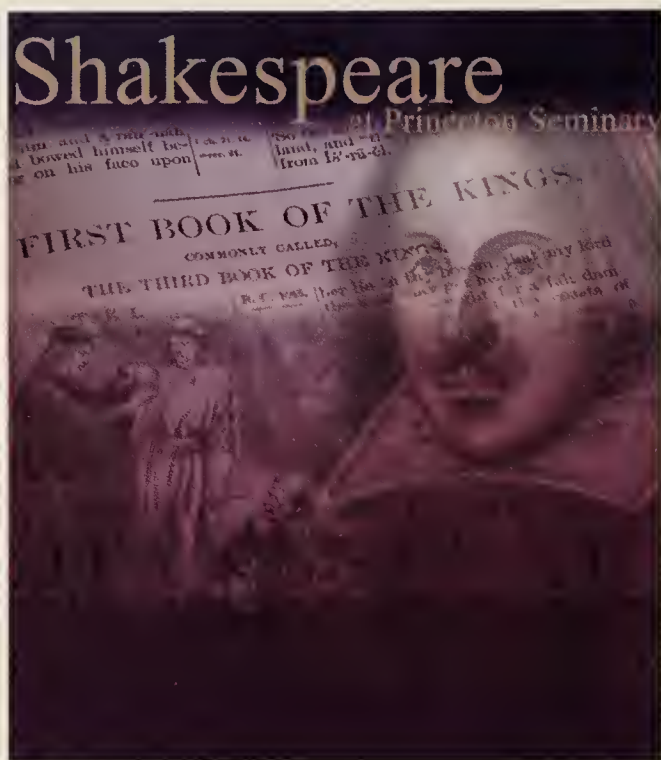


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*Victor Aloyo Jr. is director of multicultural relations at Princeton Seminary.*



# CALENDAR



## Shakespeare at Princeton

All showings will take place  
at 7:00 p.m. in Stuart 6

Monday, November 9

*Ran* (1985)

Monday, November 23

*Hamlet*, Part 1 (1996)

Tuesday, November 24

*Hamlet*, Part II (1996)

## Carols of Many Nations

Wednesday, December 9

3:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Miller Chapel

A service of readings, choral anthems, and congregational carols led by the Princeton Seminary Choir, international students, and staff of the Seminary

## Institute for Multicultural Ministry Erdman Center of Continuing Education

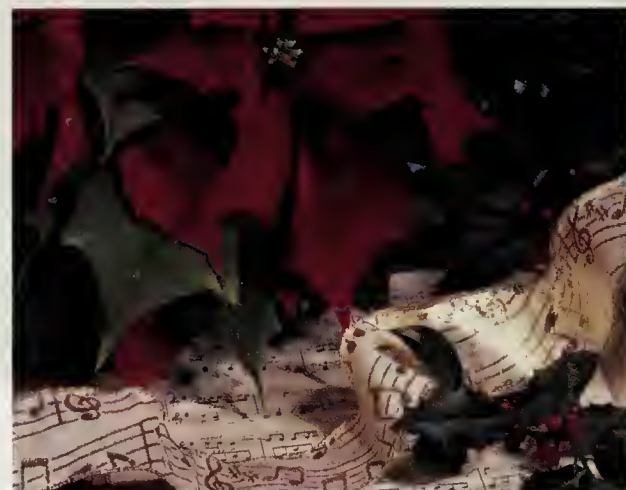
Monday–Friday, January 11–15

For those who want to learn how to  
“do ministry” in the third millennium with  
congregations of many nations, cultures,  
and denominations.

Leaders: Jin S. Kim, founding pastor  
and head of staff of Church of All Nations  
(PCUSA), Minneapolis, Minnesota

Wanda Lundy, pastor of The Church  
on the Edge (First Presbyterian Church),  
Edgewater, New Jersey

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, associate  
professor of religious education, Claremont  
School of Theology



## The Alexander Thompson Lecture

Monday, February 22

7:00 p.m., Main Lounge

Speaker: Dr. Hindy Najman, associate  
professor of ancient Judaism, Department  
and Centre for the Study of Religion,  
University of Toronto

## The Women in Church and Ministry Lecture

Thursday, February 25

7:00 p.m., Main Lounge

Speaker: The Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis,  
senior minister, Middle Collegiate Church,  
New York, New York

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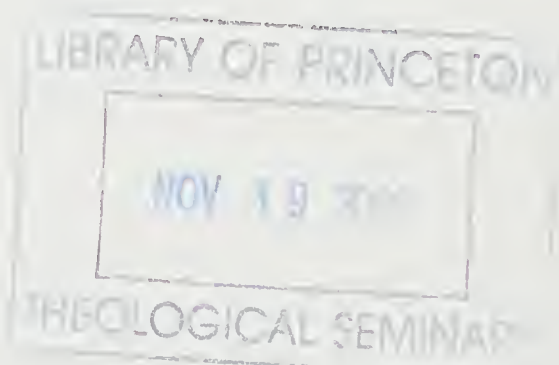
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